



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Ecology AO # 06- 14

**Subject of possible rule making: This rulemaking will:**

- Propose a new Chapter 173-455 WAC – Air Quality Fee Rule that will include air quality program fees (from existing chapters as well as some new fees) The new fees will be for the following activities: air pollution standards variance and portable/temporary source permits.
- Move fees from existing WAC 173- 400-045, 104, 116, WAC 173-407-040, WAC 173-433-170, WAC 173-491-030 and WAC 173-495-060, 065 and 070, to incorporate those fees into the new chapter without changes.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 70.94 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Ecology is proposing a new chapter to make it easier for the regulated community to find all of the applicable Air Quality program fees.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Local air authorities also charge fees for similar activities Ecology will invite the local air authorities to participate in the rulemaking process.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Ecology will use an interested party list to share information. After the rule proposal publishes in the State Register Ecology will hold a public hearing and comment period to receive feedback on the proposal.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

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