

SEPA RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

AUGUST 15, 2013 – 9:00 AM TO 1:00PM
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY HQ
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Objectives for this meeting: Provide feedback on remaining topics

9:00am: Welcome/ Introductions/Agenda Review (Neil Aaland)

9:15am: Provide feedback on remaining topics (all)

This meeting will focus on providing feedback on the remaining topics for the Phase 2 SEPA Rule amendments. After today's meeting, Ecology will prepare draft rule language, which will be the subject of the September meeting. Topics for today are:

Cultural/historic preservation and report from workgroup.

A separate workgroup to address cultural/historic preservation topics began meeting in April by agreement between Ecology Director Maia Bellon and Representative John McCoy. Today's discussion will include a summary of those meetings and a preview of a draft report from Ecology on that effort.

As part of this topic, Ecology also wants to further discuss the proposals provided earlier by the members of the Advisory Committee representing historic and cultural resources. The proposals provide a "planning-level" review and a "project-level" review.

Public notice. *The Advisory Committee has previously discussed public notice issues and Ecology received several proposals for rule amendments. Feedback is needed on the two primary themes: revising methods of public notice and modernizing the outreach tools.*

Environmental checklist. *The Phase 1 rule amendments, adopted on December 28, 2012, included some changes to the environmental checklist to improve efficiency. Discussions during the Phase 2 rulemaking have suggested several additional changes to the checklist.*

GMA/SEPA integration. *This includes a review of existing WAC language (WAC 197-11-158 through 238) and potential expansion of the Optional DNS process.*

Categorical exemptions. *The Advisory Committee discussed and provided feedback during the July meeting. Ecology wants to provide another opportunity for feedback, if any Advisory Committee members had any additional thoughts after that meeting.*

11:00am: Break

11:10am: Continue discussion on remaining topics (all)

12:00 noon – 12:10 pm: Break for Caucusing (if requested)

12:10 pm: Continue discussion

12:45 pm: Public Comment

1:00: Adjourn

Attachment: Evaluation/Rationale for Exemptions (for July 25 meeting)
Evaluation/Rationale for Exemptions Part 2 (for August 15 meeting)
Project-level and Planning-level proposals for Cultural/Historic Resources

Next meeting: Thursday, September 19

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