

# SEPA RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

MAY 9, 2013 – 9:00 AM TO 1:00PM  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY HQ  
300 Desmond Drive  
Olympia, Washington, 98504

For Those Participating By Phone:  
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***Objectives for this meeting: Provide feedback on Ecology's proposed revisions to Categorical Exemptions***

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

Review meeting schedule and rulemaking timeline  
Reminder of scope of Ecology's 2013 rulemaking (Brenden)

**9:20am: Update: Cultural/Historic Preservation Workgroup (Neil)**

*The workgroup's first meeting was on April 22. An update will be provided on their deliberations.*

**9:30am: Categorical Exemptions (all)**

*Ecology has prepared a draft list of proposed changes to SEPA exemptions. The discussion will be structured as follows:*

- *Fifteen minutes for clarifying questions of Ecology*
- *Each interest will have up to ten minutes to provide their reaction to Ecology's proposed changes to Categorical Exemptions – one statement per interest (please coordinate among all of your representatives) and please bring a copy of your comments in writing (or provide to Ecology no later than Monday, May 13)*
- *We'll take a break after that*
- *General opportunity for discussion/feedback on the proposal (including identifying additional information for Ecology to provide)*

11:00am: Break

11:10am: General discussion on the proposal

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

12:10 pm: Continue discussion

12:45 pm: Public Comment

1:00: Adjourn

Attachments: 1. Remaining Schedule - 2nd page of agenda  
2. Draft meeting notes – Cultural/Historic Preservation Workgroup  
3. Ecology proposal on categorical exemptions – in three parts

- Narrative description
- DRAFT WAC underline/~~strikeout~~ language
- List of categorical exemption not proposed for 2013 changes

### REMAINING SCHEDULE

As of 5/3/13

June 13, 2013 - 9:00 to 1:00: Next Advisory Committee meeting.

At this meeting, Ecology will roll out their proposals for review on all topics\*:

- Categorical exemptions
- Notice
- Optional consolidated review process (the proposal initiated by counties)
- Environmental Checklist

Following this meeting, Ecology will revise the proposals based on committee input. This will begin the informal public review period; the rule proposal will be circulated widely for comment.

\*Cultural/historic preservation is pending proposal by the separate workgroup

July 11, 2013 – 9:00 to 1:00: Final scheduled Advisory Committee meeting: Focus of this meeting will be:

- Reviewing comments received during informal public review period
- Review proposal as revised by Ecology based on comments
- One more opportunity to provide input to Ecology

Ecology believes no further meetings will be scheduled for the committee. Ecology may use e-mail to send out sections and solicit comments from the committee. If it is determined another meeting would be useful, it would occur no later than August 2.

August: Ecology's internal rule amendment procedures begin.