

Oil Spill Contingency Plan Rule

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to, Chapter 173-182 WAC, Oil Spill Contingency Plan Rule. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on June 1, 2016.

This rulemaking will:

- Update definitions to ensure clarity and consistency with existing federal regulations.
- Clarify the Worst Case Discharge calculation for pipelines.
- Create a new pipeline geographic information planning standard which will use available geo-referenced data to support preparedness planning and initial decision making during pipeline oil spills.
- Enhance our existing air monitoring requirements for pipelines to ensure safety of oil spill responders and the general public.
- Enhance our spills to ground requirements to ensure rapid aggressive and well-coordinated responses to spills to ground which could impact ground water.
- Update our pipeline planning standard requirements to ensure the equipment required is appropriate for the environments pipelines may impact.
- Expand the Best Achievable Protection (BAP) Review Cycle to facilities and pipelines.
- Other changes to clarify language and make any corrections needed.

What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS).
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses.

WHY IT MATTERS MORE INFORMATION

In Washington pipelines exist in both marine and inland areas. After several years of implementing the rule, we have identified the need to update our standards to ensure that required oil spill response equipment is appropriate for the pipeline risks and operating environments (marine and inland). We also feel the need to better incorporate best achievable protection in our planning requirements.

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- To download these documents visit
- <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/1106docs.html>

Public Comment period

You can submit comments on this proposal through July 22, 2016.

You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at public hearings.
2. Visit our website and submit comments online at:
<https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/5779/2804978/>
3. Email your comments to: Sonja.Larson@ecy.wa.gov
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Public hearing schedule

Date	Time	Format	Location
Wednesday June 29, 2016	3:00 pm	In Person	Holiday Inn Downtown Everett Ballroom 1 3105 Pine Street Everett, WA 98201
Thursday June 30, 2016	2:00 pm	In Person and Webinar	Clark College Gaiser Student Center 1933 Fort Vancouver Way Vancouver, WA 98663 Comments will be accepted in-person (written and oral) and during the webinar (oral only) via phone: (800) 704-9804, Participant Code: 81723592#

			To join the webinar click on the following link for more information and instructions: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/Webinar1106.pdf
Thursday July 7, 2016	1:00 pm	In Person	Ramada at Spokane International Airport Lower Level Ballroom 8909 West Airport Drive Spokane, WA 99224

Ecology’s response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than October 12, 2016.

More information

Information about the Ecology spills program can be found at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/spills.html>

The Ecology spills program listserv is used to update interested parties on the rule update effort and the rule implementation. To register as an interested party with the spills program and receive information on rule adoption, implementation, and public comment and review periods please join our listserv at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SPILLS-PROGRAM>

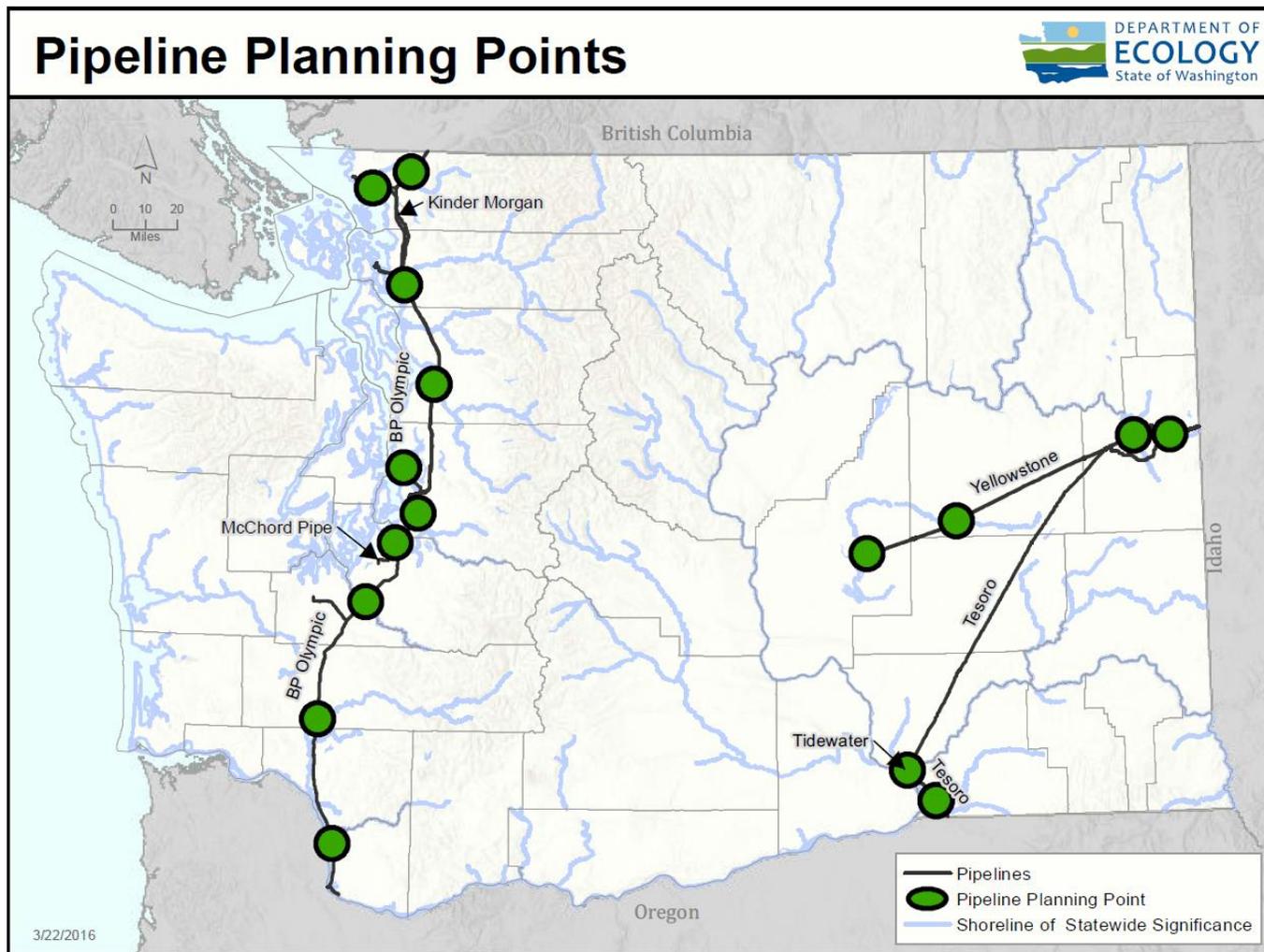


Figure 1: Map showing locations of regulated pipelines in the state of Washington and proposed pipeline contingency planning standard analysis points WAC 173-182-365.