Oil Spill Contingency Plan  
Chapter 173-182 WAC

Emergency Rule
The Department of Ecology is adopting a second emergency rule for Chapter 173-182 WAC Oil Spill Contingency Rule. The emergency rule was adopted and becomes effective on April 2, 2014, and will be in effect no longer than 120 days. The emergency rule matches the language in Ecology’s rule proposal (see below).

Rule proposal
Ecology is proposing amendments to Chapter 173-182 WAC Oil Spill Contingency Rule. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on April 16, 2014.

The purpose of the emergency rule and this rule proposal is to update the definition of plan holder to include all persons listed in RCW 88.46.060 and update the definition of “umbrella plan” to ensure the term is used only when referring to non-profit corporations. Ecology is also proposing to amend the rule so that owner/operators, if operating under a plan that covers multiple parties, are not required to comply with provisions of the rule that apply specifically to “plan holders.”

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act.

To download these documents visit:  

Public hearing schedule
Date & Time: May 6, 2014, 10:00 am
Location: Department of Ecology  
300 Desmond Dr. SE  
Lacey, WA 98504-7600
Emergency and Rule Proposal Notice
Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response
April 2014

Webinar Information:
Ecology is also offering this presentation, question and answer session and formal public hearing via webinar. Webinars are an online meeting forum that you can attend from any computer using internet access. To participate by phone, you will need to have a phone or computer with phone modem capability. For more information and instructions, go to http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/community_outreach/sppr_webinar.html

To join the webinar click on the following link for more information and instructions
Password:     oilspills14
Call-in number:    1-877-668-4493
Access code:     926 137 326

Submit your comments
Comment period ends May 13, 2014.

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

1. Testify or submit written comments at public hearings.

2. Submit comments during the webinar via phone at 1-877-668-4493/Participant Code 926 137 326. For more information and instructions, go to http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/community_outreach/sppr_webinar.html.

3. Email your comments to: amanda.righi@ecy.wa.gov

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5. FAX: 360-407-7288

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 proposal no earlier than July 15, 2014.