

# SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS AND TANKS

## UPDATING THE “350” RULE

Solid Waste Handling Standards, Chapter 173-350 of the Washington Administrative Code, is a regulation addressing waste management issues as diverse as used tires, surface impoundments, and incineration.

These rules govern how individuals, businesses and governments can manage solid waste, what materials can be recycled, when permits are required, and many other technical details.

Updating the rule allows Ecology to address emerging issues, look for ways to improve its effectiveness and get feedback from stakeholders.



## Section 330 — Surface impoundments and tanks

While Section 330’s principal application is to systems for handling leachate at landfills, several other sections of the Solid Waste Handling Standards, as well as the Biosolids Management rule WAC 173-308, rely on Section 330 for design, construction and operating criteria. Ecology is proposing language to update Section 330 to clarify that some or all of its requirements are relevant in those cases.

Ecology is also proposing to expand the scope of the section to include piping systems which connect to surface impoundments or tanks.

### Other changes

- Requiring that surface impoundments, tanks and piping systems be tested periodically for leaks.
- Requiring that surface impoundments and tanks be maintained and cleaned periodically.
- Requiring that designs for surface impoundments and tanks establish criteria that would signal when an impoundment liner or a tank needs to be repaired due to leakage.
- Requiring that facilities which include surface impoundments and tanks provide controls on public access.
- Requiring that operators document how these facilities are designed and constructed.
- Clarifying requirements for plans of operations at facilities with surface impoundments and tanks.
- Clarifying how new facilities must be located in relation to existing water wells, and how nearby property owners must be notified of possible impacts on future well placements.

## Contacts

You can find documents, schedules and other information on our website: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/wac173350/1308ov.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/wac173350/1308ov.html)

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- Clarifying that permits for solid waste activities which include surface impoundment and tanks must address this section's requirements.



## Public input

After releasing a draft version of the revised 350 rule, Ecology will hold informal workshops to educate interested persons about the proposed changes. Feedback during this informal process may result in changes to the draft rule.

In September 2016, Ecology plans to formally announce proposed revisions. This will begin a formal comment period, including hearings where stakeholders can comment on the changes and ask questions that will be answered in the official rulemaking documents. Ecology hopes to adopt changes to the rule in the spring of 2017.

## 350 rule update schedule (dates subject to change)

Now	Draft rule available
July 21	Informal workshop—Lacey
July 26	Informal workshop—Ellensburg
July 27	Informal workshop—Spokane
Sept. 6	Informal comments due
December	Proposed rule filed
January-	
March, 2017	Public hearings on proposed rule
Spring, 2017	Rule adopted