

HYBRID WASTE LANDFILLS



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 405 — Hybrid waste landfills

Section 405 establishes standards, criteria and requirements for landfills that receive inert waste along with soils and sediments that have been exposed to potentially harmful chemicals. Establishing standards for these sites is necessary because such facilities are relatively common, but state law prohibits other solid wastes from being disposed of in inert waste landfills.

Aligning requirements for landfills

The new draft sections 235 and 995, “Soil and Sediment Criteria and Use,” address “impacted” soils and sediments. These are soils or sediments that have been subject to the release of contaminants at more than de minimis amounts. Sections 235 and 995 provide criteria for the use of impacted soils and sediments, including use as fill. The proposed revisions to Section 410, “Inert Waste Landfills,” provides standards and requirements for landfills receiving inert wastes.

This new proposed section for hybrid waste landfills combines the standards and requirements of Section 235 with 410, creating guidelines that would allow facilities that receive both inert waste and impacted soil and sediment to meet all requirements.

Ecology is proposing a conditional exemption from the requirement to obtain a solid waste permit for hybrid waste landfills that dispose of less than 2,000 cubic yards. This aligns with the analogous conditional exemption proposed in for inert waste landfills in Section 410.

All additions and clarifications proposed in Section 410 are also included for hybrid waste landfills.

Materials included and excluded under Section 235 for impacted soils

Contacts

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and sediments are treated in the same manner for hybrid waste landfills.

The contaminant limits and methods for establishing contaminant limits for impacted soils and sediments established in Section 235 and 995 are included for hybrid waste landfills.

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

