

INERT 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 410 — Inert waste landfills

Section 410 establishes standards, criteria, and requirements for landfills receiving inert wastes. Several requirements for inert wastes and inert waste landfills are also defined in state law, which limits the need for revisions to this section of the Solid Waste Handling Standards regulation.

Expanding conditional exemptions

Ecology is proposing to raise the limit on the volume of inert waste that can be disposed without a permit under a conditional exemption, raising the limit from 250 cubic yards to 2,000 cubic yards.

As part of the conditional exemption, an operator must provide notification of intent to its local jurisdictional health department and to Ecology. Disposal of less than 250 cubic yards of inert waste doesn't require notification.

Additions and clarifications

- Requiring that facilities provide controls on public access.
- Requiring that operators document how these facilities are designed and constructed.
- Clarifying requirements for plans of operations at inert waste landfills.
- 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.

Hybrid waste landfills

Questions about permitting landfills that accept a combination of impacted soils and inert wastes have been addressed in a new category, Section 405, “Hybrid Waste Landfills.”

Contacts

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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)

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| 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 |

