

Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Assessment Public Workshop

November 14, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (PT) - Lacey, WA

The Department of Ecology is hosting a public workshop to launch the public process to update the Water Quality Assessment, beginning with a review of major topic areas related to [Water Quality Policy 1-11](#). This policy guides how Ecology uses data to determine the water quality status of individual waterbodies (from clean to polluted)..

To Participate:

The public workshop will be held at the auditorium of the Ecology Headquarters Office in Lacey, and will also be conducted as an interactive webinar on **Monday, November 14, 2016 (10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. PST)**. Participants can attend in person or at a location of their choice by webinar.

By Webinar: Participants can join the workshop using an online computer and phone line from any location to actively participate (for best audio results we recommend using a phone line in addition to computer). Webinar participants must register prior to the Workshop to join in.

[Register for the November 14th Public Workshop/Webinar](#)

In Person: Participants can participate in the meeting in person at Ecology Headquarters Auditorium in Lacey, [300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA](#). You do not need to register for the webinar if you plan to attend in person.

Agenda (draft)

Note: Times may vary according to questions and discussion during topic presentations.

10:00 a.m.	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome (Heather Bartlett, WQP) Meeting logistics & Overview of what will be covered today (Susan Braley, WQP)
10:15 a.m.	Clean Water Act & State Water Quality Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Water Act Integrated Report (Jill Fullagar, EPA) Background on the Water Quality Assessment and Policy 1-11 (Susan Braley, WQP) Key scoping comments received of Policy 1-11 (Susan Braley, WQP)
10:45 a.m.	Key Topic: Data Used in the Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credible data requirements & QA/QC at Ecology (Bill Kammin, EAP) Use of Data in the Assessment (Patrick Lizon, WQP)
12:15 p.m.	Break for lunch
1:00 p.m.	Other Key Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listings based on sediment management standards (Peter Adolphson, TCP) Bioassessment data and how it is used (Patrick Lizon, WQP) Toxic chemical data used for listings (Cheryl Niemi, WQP) Prioritization of TMDLs (Helen Bresler, WQP)
3:00 p.m.	Next Steps (Susan Braley, WQP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to participate in further public dialogue on key issues Anticipated Schedule for Policy 1-11 revisions

Additional Resources

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More Information

- Policy 1-11 Update Process for the Water Quality Assessment:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/proposed/index.html>
- Summary of Scoping Comments Received:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/2016/Policy_1-11_Scoping_Comments_Summary.pdf
- Current EPA-approved Water Quality Assessment:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/currentassessmt.html>
- Surface Water Quality Standards web page: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/index.html>

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