

Wastewater/Stormwater Fee Rule Amendment

The Department of Ecology is amending Chapter 173-224 WAC – Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees. The 2009 Legislature gave Ecology permission to increase fees up to the state fiscal growth factor for each of the following years:

Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) – 5.20%

Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) – 4.61%

This fee increases will only occur for the following fee categories: dairies and CAFO's, boatyards, aquatic pest control, industrial and construction stormwater general permit holders, individual and general stormwater permits for municipalities.

The Legislature also increased the fee cap for municipal domestic wastewater permit holders from the current \$1.80 to \$2.16 per year per residential equivalent. However, fees will only be increased for both fiscal years 2010 and 2011 by the fiscal growth factor listed above.

Ecology is also proposing to eliminate the proration of fees to the fiscal quarter a permit termination occurs in.

For more information on the fee rule amendment timeline, please visit the following website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.htm