

Washington State Department of Ecology

Surface Water Quality Standards Rule-making Workshop

Implementation Tools Revisions

Affected Rule: WAC 173-201A (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A>)

Goal of this rule-making:

Develop and improve Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) implementation tools to keep entities in compliance while long-term work to fulfill Clean Water Act requirements is being carried out.

Draft Agenda

9:00 - 9:15

- Room Opens
- Refreshments available: coffee, tea, water

9:15 - 9:30

- Welcome and Opening remarks
 - Eli Levitt, Facilitator (Ecology)
 - Kelly Susewind – Ecology’s Water Quality Program Manager
 - Melissa Gildersleeve - Watershed Management Section Supervisor

9:30 - 10:30

- Proposed rule-making process and goals, how this rule-making fits with other current Ecology initiatives (fish consumption rate work, updates of the sediment management standards), and other related issues
 - Presenters: Cheryl Niemi, Becca Conklin, Melissa Gildersleeve
- Group discussion

10:30 - 10:40

- Short break

10:40 - 11:30

- Implementation tools currently in the SWQS and Ecology’s proposed directions for changes
 - Presenter: Cheryl Niemi
- Group discussion

11:30 - 12:30

- Lunch – Recommend that you bring a lunch – available restaurants or grocery stores require driving
- Ecology staff will remain in the meeting area and be available to answer questions or address issues as needed

12:30 - 12:45

- Recap any issues from morning session or lunch hour that should be noted by the group

12:45 – 1:30

- The recent Oregon process of developing WQS implementation tools related to toxics updates
 - Presenters: Jennifer Wigal and Andrea Matzke (Oregon Department of Environmental Quality)
- Questions/discussion

1:30 – 2:15

- EPA's observations and lessons from participation in Oregon's process and their subsequent review of implementation tools
 - Presenters: Jannine Jennings and Matt Szelag (U.S. EPA, Region 10)
- Questions/discussion

2:15 – 2:45

- Recap: Discussion/comments about information presented and proposed rule-making process

2:45 – 3:00

- Next steps

3:00

- Adjourn

More Information

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Web Page Links:

Surface Water Quality Standards Rulemaking:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/RuleRev2011.html

Sediment Management Standards Rulemaking: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/2011-SMS/2011-SMS-hp.html

Reducing Toxic Chemicals in Fish, Sediments & Water: www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/fish.html