

# Water Quality Standards Policy Forum #3

February 8, 2013

Department of Ecology

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Department of Ecology is holding the third Water Quality Policy Forum to continue discussions on potential changes to the Surface Water Quality Standards (WAC 173-201A) to adopt new human health criteria and to update implementation tools.

## Location

- **Interactive webinar:** Webinar participants will be able to ask questions, participate in discussions, and watch presentations from any online computer. Free registration for the webinar is available online at: <https://www.accuconference.com/customer/Registration/index.aspx?pkRegQG=a493509d-c9dd-4798-97b8-72d81703a6b2>.
- **In person:** Ecology staff will present the webinar at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98504 ([directions](#)). Seating for interested parties is available at that location.

## Agenda (draft)

*Note: Times may vary according to questions and discussion with Policy Forum participants.*

8:45 a.m.	<b>Logistical Introduction – How to Use the Webinar</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting logistics</li> <li>• Sediment Management Standards rule-making update</li> <li>• Fish Consumption Rates (FCR) Technical Support Document update</li> <li>• Toxics Reduction Strategy Workgroup update</li> </ul>
9:15 a.m.	<b>Ecology’s Environmental Assessment Program Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New EAP report: <i>An Assessment of the Chlorinated Pesticide Background in Washington State Freshwater Fish and Implications for 303(d) Listings</i></li> <li>• Background concentrations of PCBs and dioxins in Washington waters.</li> <li>• Questions/Comments/Discussion.</li> </ul>
10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Risk Discussion - Risk levels and human health criteria calculation</b>
12:00pm.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00pm p.m.	<b>Scenarios and discharge permit alternatives</b> Continued discussion of scenarios that have been developed to enable a more in-depth discussion of potential effects of adopting new human health criteria and updating implementation tools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does changing the risk level used in the criteria calculations change potential permitting requirements?</li> <li>• Continued discussion and clarification on storm water and the scenarios</li> </ul>
3:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn Policy Forum</b> Summary of topics covered in this Forum, overview of what will be covered in next Forum, next steps.

# Additional Resources

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## Additional Resources

- Surface Water Quality Standards web page: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/index.html>
- Surface Water Quality Standards Rule Revisions:  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/Currsqwqrulerev.html>
- Reducing Toxics in Fish, Sediments, & Water web page: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/fish.html>

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