

Department of Ecology

Water Quality Standards Public Meeting

November 6, 2013 ~ 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PT) - Lacey, WA

The Department of Ecology is holding a public meeting to present conceptual ideas and alternatives for human health criteria development and implementation tools. Ecology will consider these preliminary alternatives as it moves towards developing and proposing draft revisions to the Surface Water Quality Standards (WAC 173-201A).

Is this a formal hearing?

No, this meeting is not a formal hearing. This public meeting is part of the pre-proposal part of the rule-making process (CR-101). Ecology welcomes your feedback during the CR-101 stage while developing draft rule language. Formal hearings occur during the official comment period. The official comment period starts when the CR-102 is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. **Ecology anticipates filing the CR-102 in early 2014.**

To Attend:

Ecology is hosting this public meeting on **Wednesday, November 6, 2013 (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**.

- **In Person:** Seating for interested parties is available at Ecology’s Headquarters building, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA, 98503-1274 ([map](#)). To reserve a seat, please email swqs@ecy.wa.gov.
- **By Interactive Webinar:** Webinar participants will be able to ask questions, participate in discussions, and watch presentations from any online computer and phone. Free registration for the webinar is available online at: <https://customer.accuconference.com/Registration/index.aspx?pkRegQG=692ba2b3-7a86-42d0-b9ad-1607d3694840>

Agenda (draft)

Note: Times may vary according to questions and discussion with meeting participants.

9:00 a.m.	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Meeting logistics • Background and Rule-making timeline: Where are we in the process?
9:45 a.m.	<p>Presentation of alternatives for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human health criteria • Implementation tools • Chemicals which may need alternative/unique approaches • Q & A ~ <i>clarifying questions and informal comments are welcome throughout the presentation</i>
11:45 a.m.	<p>Next Steps: moving forward through the anticipated rule-making schedule</p>
12:00 p.m.	<p><i>Break for Lunch—One hour</i></p>
1:00 p.m.	<p>Information To Support The Morning Discussion On Alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An in depth presentation on technical information supporting the alternatives presented in the morning. • Q & A ~ <i>clarifying questions and informal comments are welcome throughout the presentation</i>
3:45 p.m.	<p>Next Steps: moving forward through the anticipated rule-making schedule</p>
4:00 p.m.	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

Additional Resources

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More Information

- 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/Currswqsruleactiv.html>
- Ecology's Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document web page:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/Currswqsruleactiv.html