



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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Notice of Proposed Action to Submit

State Implementation Plan

And

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and to Request a Hearing

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is asking the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to submit portions of the revised General and Operating Permit Regulations for Air Pollution Sources (Chapter 463-78 WAC) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval into the state's air quality plan.

The federal Clean Air Act requires National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) be met in Washington. The State Implementation Plan (SIP) describes how the state implements, maintains, and enforces air quality standards. EFSEC rules — along with state and other local agencies' rules — are a major part of the SIP.

When EFSEC rules are updated, they must be submitted by Ecology and approved by the EPA to be included in the SIP.

EFSEC is authorized to implement an air quality program for certain types of energy facilities in Washington to help maintain the national standards. Currently, EFSEC's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting program operates under a partial delegation from EPA. EPA's approval of the rule into the SIP will enable EFSEC to implement a SIP-approved PSD permitting program. This change will expedite EFSEC's issuance of PSD permits.

Ecology invites public comment through **November 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm** and provides an opportunity to request a hearing on the proposed revision to EFSEC's portion of the SIP. No changes to the existing EFSEC rule are being proposed.

If requested by **October 24**, the public hearing will be held on **November 1 at 1:00 pm** at Ecology Headquarters, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey. If the hearing is requested, a webinar link will be provided on the website, for those who cannot attend in person.

If no hearing request is received by **October 24, 2016 at 5:00 pm**, Ecology will announce cancellation of the hearing on its Public Involvement Calendar

Information on how to submit public comment, request a hearing, or view the SIP revision document can be found at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/infrastructure.htm>

Ecology's Public Involvement calendar is at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>