

**RCW 76.09.100 Failure to comply with water quality protection—
Department of ecology authorized to petition appeals board—Action on
petition.** If the department of ecology determines that a person has
failed to comply with the forest practices regulations relating to
water quality protection, and that the department of natural resources
has not issued a stop work order or notice to comply, the department
of ecology shall inform the department thereof. If the department of
natural resources fails to take authorized enforcement action within
twenty-four hours under RCW 76.09.080, 76.09.090, 76.09.120, or
76.09.130, the department of ecology may petition to the chair of the
appeals board, who shall, within forty-eight hours, either deny the
petition or direct the department of natural resources to immediately
issue a stop work order or notice to comply, or to impose a penalty.
No civil or criminal penalties shall be imposed for past actions or
omissions if such actions or omissions were conducted pursuant to an
approval or directive of the department of natural resources. [2013 c
23 s 220; 1975 1st ex.s. c 200 s 7; 1974 ex.s. c 137 s 10.]