

WAC 173-185-020 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to enhance oil transportation safety in Washington and protect public safety and the environment by establishing notification requirements and procedures that inform emergency response agencies and the public of all crude oil shipments to facilities by rail and crude oil transport by transmission pipelines in the state. This chapter establishes:

(1) Advance notice requirements for facilities that receive crude oil by railroad car.

(2) Biannual notice requirements for transmission pipelines that transport crude oil.

(3) Disclosure procedures for ecology to:

(a) Provide nonaggregated information collected under this chapter to the state emergency management division and any county, city, tribal, port, and local government emergency response agency to help these agencies effectively prepare for and respond to oil spills and other accidents.

(b) Provide aggregated information collected under this chapter to inform the public about the nature of crude oil movement through their communities.

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