

**WAC 173-98-800 Starting a project.** (1) **Project initiation.** Loan funds must be spent in a timely fashion. The recipient must consistently meet the performance measures agreed to in the loan agreement. These performance measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Work on a project must be started within ten months of the publication date of the *Final Offer and Applicant List* on which the project was proposed.

(b) Starting a project means making any measurable step toward achieving the milestones, objectives, and overall goals of the project.

(2) **Project initiation extension.** Certain circumstances may allow a time extension of no more than twelve months for starting a project. For example:

(a) Schedules included in water quality permits, consent decrees, or enforcement orders; or

(b) There is a need to do work during an environmental window in a specific season of the year; or

(c) Other reasons as identified by the department on a case-by-case basis.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 90.50A and 70.146 RCW. WSR 17-17-040 (Order 16-04), § 173-98-800, filed 8/9/17, effective 9/9/17. Statutory Authority: Chapter 90.50A RCW, RCW 90.48.035, and 43.21A.080. WSR 11-20-036 (Order 10-14), § 173-98-800, filed 9/27/11, effective 10/28/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 90.48.035. WSR 07-14-096 (Order 05-16), § 173-98-800, filed 6/29/07, effective 7/30/07.]