

WAC 173-186-500 Drill participation, scheduling and evaluation.

(1) Rail plan holders, PRCs, SMTs and WRSPs shall participate in a drill and equipment verification program for the purpose of ensuring that all contingency plan components function to provide, to the maximum extent practicable, prompt and proper removal of oil and minimization of damage from a variety of spill sizes. In Washington, a modified triennial cycle for drills, as found in the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP), is relied on to test each component of the plan.

(2) **Ecology's participation in drills:** Rail plan holders and PRCs shall ensure ecology is provided an opportunity to help design and evaluate all tabletop and deployment drills for which the rail plan holder desires drill credit.

(3) **Scheduling drills:** Rail plan holders shall schedule drills on the NWACP area exercise calendar. Drill scheduling requirements are listed in the table in WAC 173-186-510.

(4) **Evaluating drills:** Ecology shall provide a written drill evaluation report to the rail plan holder following each drill. Credit will be granted for drill objectives that are successfully met.

(5) Objectives that are not successfully met shall be tested again and successfully demonstrated within the triennial cycle, except that significant failures will be retested within thirty days.

(6) Where plan deficiencies have been identified in the written evaluation, rail plan holders may be required to make specific amendments to the plan or conduct additional trainings to address the deficiencies.

(7) A rail plan holder may request an informal review with ecology of the ecology drill evaluation within thirty days of receipt of the report.

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