

WAC 173-446-365 Auction of future year allowances. (1) Two times per year, ecology shall hold parallel auctions of future vintage allowances.

(2) Auctions of future vintage allowances shall follow the procedure set out in WAC 173-446-310 through 173-446-362.

(3) For each auction of future vintage allowances, ecology will submit for auction allowances from the year three years in the future according to the following schedule:

(a) For each auction of future vintage allowances in 2023, ecology will submit for auction five percent of the allowances in the annual allowance budget for 2026.

(b) For each auction of future vintage allowances in 2024, ecology will submit for auction five percent of the allowances in the annual allowance budget for 2027 as determined without taking into account the increase in the allowance budget caused by the addition of waste-to-energy facilities as covered entities in the second compliance period.

(c) For each auction of future vintage allowances in 2025, ecology will submit for auction five percent of the allowances in the annual allowance budget for 2028 as determined without taking into account the increase in the allowance budget caused by the addition of waste-to-energy facilities as covered entities in the second compliance period.

(d) For each auction of future vintage allowances in 2026, ecology will submit for auction five percent of the allowances in the annual allowance budget for 2029 as determined without taking into account the increase in the allowance budget caused by the addition of waste-to-energy facilities as covered entities in the second compliance period.

(e) For each auction of future vintage allowances in 2027 and each year thereafter, ecology will submit for auction five percent of the allowances in the annual allowance budget for the year three years in the future.

(4) Auctions for future vintage allowances shall occur at the same time, with bidding during the same bidding window, and using the same procedures as auctions for current vintage and past vintage allowances. Bidders shall provide one bid guarantee to cover both the auction for current and past vintage allowances and the auction for future vintage allowances. However, bidders must provide separate bids for future vintage allowances. Bidders may not include in one bid future allowances mixed with current and past vintage allowances. If future vintage allowances remain unsold at the end of the calendar year for which they were designated for sale at auction, they shall be returned to the pool of allowances of their vintage and not be offered for sale until that year.

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