

WAC 173-455-050 Carbon dioxide mitigation program fees. (1) **Statutory authorization.** RCW 70A.15.6270 authorizes ecology to determine, assess, and collect fees sufficient to cover costs to review and approve or deny the carbon dioxide mitigation plan components of an order of approval for a facility. Ecology may also collect fees sufficient to cover the additional costs to monitor the source's conformance to the carbon dioxide mitigation plan.

(2) **Fees.** Table 1 in this subsection lists the fees for the carbon dioxide mitigation program for 2023. These fees are additional to the fees established in WAC 173-455-120, when the carbon dioxide mitigation plan requirements are triggered.

Table 1 Carbon Dioxide Mitigation Program 2023 Fee Schedule

Activity	Fee
Application review	\$119.00/hr. not to exceed \$595.00
Mitigation plan approval Payment to third party	\$125.00 ¹
Mitigation plan approval Purchase of CO ₂ credits	\$119.00/hr. ²
Mitigation plan approval Direct investment	\$119.00/hr.
Routine compliance monitoring Payment to third party	\$125.00 annually until full amount paid
Routine compliance monitoring Purchase of CO ₂ credits	\$119.00/hr. ³
Routine compliance monitoring Applicant controlled project	\$119.00/hr. ³

¹ Fee to cover the cost of checking the accuracy of calculations and that the source is using an independent qualified organization approved by the energy facility site evaluation council per RCW 80.70.050.

² Fee to cover cost of checking that the credits will be purchased from a reputable trading or marketing organization and will be derived from mitigation that is real, verified, permanent, enforceable, and additional per RCW 80.70.030.

³ Fee to cover the cost of verifying and confirming with the trading or marketing organization that the purchased credits derive from mitigation that is real, verified, permanent, enforceable, and additional per RCW 80.70.030.

(3) Ecology will post a new fee schedule for the fees in this section starting in 2024 in accordance with WAC 173-455-031(2).

(4) The department or authority may use RCW 70A.15.1570 to structure a cost-reimbursement agreement with the applicant.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70A.15.2210, 70A.15.2230, and 70A.15.6270. WSR 23-07-014 (Order 21-08), § 173-455-050, filed 3/3/23, effective 7/1/23. Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.94 RCW, RCW 70.94.151, 70.94.153, and 70.94.892. WSR 18-22-006 (Order 16-09), § 173-455-050, filed 10/25/18, effective 11/25/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.94.181, [70.94.]152, [70.94.]331, [70.94.]650, [70.94.]745, [70.94.]892. WSR 07-11-018 (Order 06-14), § 173-455-050, filed 5/3/07, effective 6/3/07.]