

WSR 24-06-001
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 [Filed February 21, 2024, 12:15 p.m.]

2023-24 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Please refer to the website <https://www.everettcc.edu/administration/trustees/meetings-and-minutes> for updated meeting details.

Date	Time	Location
July 18, 2023 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness
September 19, 2023 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness
November 28, 2023 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness
January 16, 2024 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness
March 19, 2024 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness
May 18, 2024 Board retreat	9 a.m.	TBD
May 21, 2024 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness
June 18, 2024 Regular meeting	5 p.m.	Jackson Wilderness

WSR 24-06-006

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed February 22, 2024, 10:51 a.m.]

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0007 Behavioral and Community Health Aides - New SPA Number.

Effective Date: On or after January 1, 2024.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) previously published notices under WSR 22-20-065, 22-23-111, and 23-06-048 of the intent to submit an SPA to establish two new provider types in the medicaid state plan: Community health aides/practitioners and behavioral health aides/practitioners. Submission of an SPA was delayed until this year, necessitating renumbering the SPA as 24-0007. In addition to the two provider types listed, SPA 24-0007 will also add dental health aides.

As stated previously, this SPA is expected to increase the annual aggregate payment as it introduces new provider types to be reimbursed by medicaid. However, because these are new provider types, HCA has no data upon which to estimate a financial impact at this time.

SPA 24-0007 is in the development process; therefore, a copy is not yet available for review. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy when it becomes available or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

CONTACT: Lena Nachand, Office of Tribal Affairs, 626 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-622-1237, TRS 711, email lena.nachand@hca.wa.gov, website <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/tribal-relations>.

WSR 24-06-009

INTERPRETIVE AND POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

[Filed February 22, 2024, 3:37 p.m.]

Under chapter 42.56 RCW, the department of ecology (ecology) maintains an index that includes interpretive and policy statements issued by ecology. Under RCW 34.05.230, ecology is filing notice in the Washington State Register about these statements.

To obtain copies of these items, copy and paste the web address (URL) from the table below into a web browser to view and download; or submit an email records request to ecology's public records officer at PublicRecordsOfficer@ecy.wa.gov following the instructions on the public records requests web page at <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Public-records-requests>.

Title of Interpretive/Policy Statement	Web Link (if applicable)
Chapter 173-180 WAC, Implementation Guidance for Class 1 Facilities	https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2408003.html

WSR 24-06-010

DEPARTMENT OF

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

(Consumer Services Division)

[Filed February 22, 2024, 4:31 p.m.]

**Notice of Adoption of Consumer Loan Act and Mortgage Broker Practices
Act Interim Guidance, CLAMB-24-01—60 Day Grace Period for Q1 2024
Mortgage Call Report Filing Version 6**

February 22, 2024

On February 6, 2024, the department of financial institutions, division of consumer services adopted the Consumer Loan Act and Mortgage Broker Practices Act Interim Guidance, CLAMB-24-01—60 Day Grace Period for Q1 2024 Mortgage Call Report Filing Version 6.

This interim guidance allows consumer loan company and mortgage broker licensees a 60-day grace period to file the required mortgage call report for the first quarter of 2024.

Please contact Jeanju Choi at 360-725-7821 or jeanju.choi@dfi.wa.gov with any questions or to obtain a copy of the Consumer Loan Act and Mortgage Broker Practices Act Interim Guidance, No. CLAMB-24-01.

Ali Higgs
Acting Director of Consumer Services

WSR 24-06-016
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
COMMISSION ON
HISPANIC AFFAIRS

[Filed February 27, 2024, 9:06 a.m.]

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Washington state commission on Hispanic affairs (CHA) could not meet in person in Spokane. Instead of canceling the meeting, CHA will be meeting at Mi Centro, 1208 South 10th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405, on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., for the February public board meeting.

WSR 24-06-017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee)

[Filed February 27, 2024, 12:35 p.m.]

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting[s] Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the following is the schedule of regular meetings for the department of health (DOH), applied behavior analysis advisory committee (committee) for the year 2024. The committee meetings are open to the public and access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice; please contact the staff person shown below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via GovDelivery and the DOH website. Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the committee reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location
February 2, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Microsoft Teams (physical location TBD)
Rescheduled to June 28, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Microsoft Teams (physical location TBD)
October 4, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Microsoft Teams (physical location TBD)

If you need further information, please contact Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager, DOH, Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4723, fax 360-236-2901, email Kendra.Pitzler@doh.wa.gov, web www.doh.wa.gov.

Please be advised the committee is required to comply with the Public Disclosure [Records] Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. This act establishes a strong state mandate in favor of disclosure of public records. As such, the information you submit to the board, including personal information, may ultimately be subject to disclosure as a public record.

WSR 24-06-018

POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed February 27, 2024, 12:44 p.m.]

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

POLICY STATEMENT

Title of Policy Statement: Extension Process for Pharmacy Intern
Renewal Limitation. Policy Number: P012.

Issuing Entity: Pharmacy quality assurance commission
(commission).

Subject Matter: This policy clarifies the commission's renewal
extension process for pharmacy interns who have reached the renewal
limitation set in WAC 246-945-155(3).

Effective Date: February 1, 2024.

Contact Person: Julia Katz, pharmacy consultant, pharmacy quality
assurance commission, Washington state department of health,
360-791-1167, PharmacyRules@doh.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-019

POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed February 27, 2024, 12:56 p.m.]

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

POLICY STATEMENT

Title of Policy Statement: Temporary Practice Permits for Military Spouse Pharmacy Interns. Policy Number: P011.

Issuing Entity: Pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission).

Subject Matter: This policy clarifies the commission's issuance of temporary practice permits to pharmacy interns who are spouses of military personnel.

Effective Date: February 1, 2024.

Contact Person: Julia Katz, pharmacy consultant, pharmacy quality assurance commission, Washington state department of health, 360-791-1167, PharmacyRules@doh.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-022

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**
[Filed February 28, 2024, 10:04 a.m.]

**2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
Notice of Change**

The October 10 and 11 regular meeting of Western Washington University board of trustees has been revised and is now scheduled for October 17 and 18. Location and time of meeting remains as previously scheduled.

Any questions regarding the meeting schedule or public comment may be directed to Rebecca Hansen-Zeller, secretary to the board of trustees, at 360-650-4071 or email hanse65@wwu.edu.

WSR 24-06-024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

DEPARTMENT OF

NATURAL RESOURCES

(Board of Natural Resources)

[Filed February 28, 2024, 10:33 a.m.]

Following is notification that we are rescheduling the regular May 7, 2024, board of natural resources meeting to May 14, 2024, to ensure a quorum.

If you have any questions, call Tami Kellogg at 360-902-2122.

WSR 24-06-027

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE

[Filed February 28, 2024, 3:01 p.m.]

The Grays Harbor College board of trustees has changed the following regular meetings:

From: March 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

To: March 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

If you need further information, contact Shannon Bell at shannon.bell@ghc.edu or call 360-538-4000.

WSR 24-06-031
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

(Apprenticeship and Training Council)
 [Filed February 28, 2024, 4:45 p.m.]

Meetings - 2024

Pursuant to chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Washington state apprenticeship and training council meetings for the remainder of 2024 are scheduled as listed below. The meeting dates are set in WAC 296-05-008(1) as the third Thursday of January, April, July, and October but may be rescheduled according to WAC 296-05-008 (1) (e).

Date	Time	Location
April 18, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Four Points by Sheraton Bellingham Hotel & Conference Center 714 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, WA 98229
July 24, 2024 (Rescheduled from July 18, 2024)	9:00 a.m.	Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501-5414
October 17, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Spokane, Washington Specific location to be determined.

For meeting information including agendas, minutes, and any meeting updates, visit the L&I website <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/wsadc>.

If you have any questions, please contact Teri Gardner, program specialist 3, at 360-790-8659, Teri.Gardner@Lni.wa.gov, or Apprentice@Lni.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-035

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

[Filed February 29, 2024, 7:57 a.m.]

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The Washington attorney general routinely publishes notice of an opportunity to comment for opinion requests that we receive from the heads of state agencies, state legislators, and county prosecuting attorneys if we anticipate publishing a formal opinion in response to the request. We do so in order to provide members of the public with a chance to provide any legal analysis that they would like us to consider as we develop our opinion. In preparing any comments, please be aware that our opinion will provide our considered legal analysis of the question presented, and therefore comments that address the interpretation of the law are more helpful than comments that express an opinion as to what the law should be.

You may provide your comments to the attorney general's office by email to OpinionComments@atg.wa.gov or by writing to the Office of the Attorney General, Solicitor General Division, Attention Opinions Chief, P.O. Box 40100, Olympia, WA 98504-0100. We will consider any comments we receive before we complete our opinion. Although there is no deadline for submitting comments, comments are the most helpful if received within 30 days of this notice. Comments focused solely on what the law should be are less helpful than comments that interpret current law. You may also request a copy of the opinion request in which you are interested and information about the Attorney General's Opinion process.

If you are interested in receiving notice of new formal opinion requests via email, you may visit the attorney general's website at <https://www.atg.wa.gov/AGOopinions/opinion> for more information on how to join our AGO Opinions List.

The attorney general's office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s):

Opinion Docket No. 24-02-03**Request by Joseph A. Brusica, Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney****QUESTION:**

Are public works and prevailing wage laws applicable to a proposed sprint boat racecourse to be constructed at the Yakima County Fairgrounds by the Central Washington Fair Association (CWFA), a non-profit, 501(cX3) organization?

WSR 24-06-038

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

[Filed February 29, 2024, 3:17 p.m.]

Revised 2024 Commission Meeting Schedule

Following is the revised schedule of regular meetings for the Washington state human rights commission for 2024.

Date	Time
March 28, 2024	9:30 a.m.
April 25, 2024	10:00 a.m.
May 23, 2024	10:00 a.m.
June 27, 2024	10:00 a.m.
July 25, 2024	10:00 a.m.
September 26, 2024	10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2024	10:00 a.m.
November TBD	TBD
December TBD	TBD

Unless the location is otherwise noted, meetings are held via telephone conference, Conference Lines 564-999-2000 (local) or 833-322-1218 (toll-free), Access Code 216 951 304#.

Meeting information is subject to change. For up-to-date meeting information, visit <https://www.hum.wa.gov/about-us/commission-meetings> or contact Alison Riffer, Washington State Human Rights Commission, P.O. Box 42490, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-753-4876, email Alison.Riffer@hum.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-048
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
COUNTY ROAD
ADMINISTRATION BOARD

[Filed March 1, 2024, 12:31 p.m.]

MEETING NOTICE: April 25-26, 2024
County Road Administration Board
2404 Chandler Court S.W., Suite 240
Olympia, WA 98502
Zoom attendance available
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Possible executive session

MEETING NOTICE: April 25-26, 2024
County Road Administration Board
2404 Chandler Court S.W., Suite 240
Olympia, WA 98502
Zoom attendance available
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Possible executive session

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation may request written materials in alternative formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodation, by contacting Jason Bergquist at 360-753-5989.

Hearing and/or speech impaired persons, call 1-800-833-6384.
For questions, please call 360-753-5989.

WSR 24-06-050

AGENDA

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

[Filed March 1, 2024, 2:31 p.m.]

The Administrative Procedure Act requires state agencies to prepare a biannual rules development agenda that includes the issues under consideration for rule making for the upcoming six-month period. RCW 34.05.314. Agendas are published in the State Register at the end of January and July each year. Staff proposes the following rule-making agenda for the period from January through July 2024:

Implementation of ESSB 5152 regarding the use of synthetic media in electioneering communications: The legislature passed ESSB 5152, which became effective on July 23, 2023. The law creates a private cause of action against a sponsor of an electioneering communication using synthetic media (deepfake), unless a disclaimer is included in the communication that it has been manipulated. The law requires the public disclosure commission (PDC) to adopt rules in furtherance of the law. While the law will be administered through legal cases filed in state court and does not create any direct regulatory authority for PDC, the required rule making presumably is intended to draw upon PDC's expertise in regulating campaign activity, particularly in regards to electioneering communications.

The law has two main aspects. First, the law defines the scope of activity that is subject to judicial enforcement, namely the use of synthetic media in electioneering communications, and the use of disclaimers with the communication. Second, the law sets out the procedure for filing an action in court, including the level of proof required, as well as the injunctive relief and damages that can be sought.

A judicial procedure will govern the second aspect of this law, PDC rule making should focus on the first aspect in helping to identify the scope of activity covered under the law, including the definition of synthetic media and the determination of sponsorship and publication, particularly in regards to the dissemination through digital platforms and the use of artificial intelligence.

Rule making was opened on January 18, 2024.

Preparation for possible implementation of SSB 5857 (reorganization of the campaign finance chapter): Legislation proposed this year, SSB 5857 would reorganize the campaign finance law, chapter 42.17A RCW, into a new statutory title. The reorganization as proposed would not make any substantive changes to the current law, but would require all statutory references in rule to be changed to the references in the new title. The bill would not take effect until 2026, but PDC would begin the process of drafting the new rules to prepare for ultimate adoption.

Update PDC Interpretation 07-04 RE online campaign activities, including digital advertising: The continuing development of new digital technology and Internet consumer products requires an update to existing PDC guidance on the use of websites, social media, and digital advertising. Over the past several years, PDC has reviewed and analyzed the policy and mechanisms for improving disclosure in the evolving area of digital political advertising. PDC will look to expand upon this work to analyze the broader use of social media, including influencers, websites, and other forms of communication in relation to disclosure requirements and the regulation of campaign expenditure activity.

Further need for rule making may generate from this work, particularly regarding the campaign reporting of expenditure details for digital advertising. Such rule making would connect with the previous work of PDC adopting rules on the responsibilities of commercial advertisers to maintain records of the digital advertising they sell.

WSR 24-06-060
RULES COORDINATOR
COMMISSION ON
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

[Filed March 4, 2024, 9:13 a.m.]

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.312, the rules coordinator for the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs is Toshiko Hasegawa, 1110 Capitol Way South, Olympia, WA 98501, phone 253-229-9826, Toshiko.Hasegawa@capaa.wa.gov.

K'gnausa Yodkerepauprai
Project Manager

WSR 24-06-061

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

EDMONDS COLLEGE

[Filed March 4, 2024, 11:55 a.m.]

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Edmonds College board of trustees approved changing the time of their regular May meeting as follows:

From: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at **4:00 p.m.**

To: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at **9:00 a.m.**

If you need further information, please contact Kristen Nyquist, Edmonds College, 20000 68th Avenue West, Lynnwood, 98036, 425-275-8060, kristen.nyquist@edmonds.edu.

WSR 24-06-064
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
(Advisory Board of Plumbers)
[Filed March 4, 2024, 2:30 p.m.]

Revised Advisory Board of Plumbers Meetings - 2024

Pursuant to chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act, this is notification of the advisory board of plumbers meeting in April 2024. The time and location for the meeting has been changed to:

Dates	Time	Location
April 16, 2024	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501 For meeting information, visit the L&I website at https://Lni.wa.gov/Licensing-permits/plumbing/plumber-advisory-board .

If you have any questions, please contact Meagan Edwards, management analyst, at 360-522-0125 or Meagan.Edwards@Lni.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-074

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

[Filed March 5, 2024, 10:26 a.m.]

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The attorney general's office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s):

Opinion Docket No. 24-02-01

Request by Sara Robbins, Director, Office of Civil Legal Aid Larry Jefferson, Director, Washington State Office of Public Defense

QUESTION:

Does RCW 13.50.010 require court clerks to provide the Office of Public Defense and the Office of Civil Legal Aid access to records in dependency and termination cases, often referred to as "Type 7" cases, without the need to file a notice of appearance?

WSR 24-06-075
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
 (Emergency Management Council)
 [Filed March 5, 2024, 1:02 p.m.]

2024 Emergency Management Council Meetings

The following is the schedule of regular meetings for the Washington state military department, emergency management council (EMC) for 2024.

Date	Time	Location
February 1, 2024	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Microsoft (MS) Teams
April 11, 2024	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	MS Teams
June 6, 2024	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	*In person *Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue (400 East Mountain View Avenue Ellensburg, WA 98926)
August 8, 2024	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	MS Teams
October 10, 2024	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	MS Teams
December 12, 2024	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	MS Teams

Please refer to the EMC's web page at <http://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/emergency-management-council>. Calendar information and agendas are posted on this page.

These meetings are subject to change based on operational or other considerations.

If you require further information or accommodation, please contact Anna Sutherland at 253-290-7502 or anna.sutherland@mil.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-077

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WASHINGTON STATE

REHABILITATION COUNCIL

[Filed March 5, 2024, 2:13 p.m.]

May 2024 quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; and Friday, May 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting options: In-person attendance location at Oxford Suites Spokane Downtown, 115 West North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201; and virtual attendance via Zoom <https://dshs-telehealth.zoom.us/j/84943815596?pwd=Zzl1SW13QnBtVEdIMESrYUcwZi9Qdz09>, Meeting ID 849 4381 5596, Passcode 102914, phone 253-205-0468.

To request a reasonable accommodation such as an American Sign Language interpreter, a spoken language interpreter, or to provide a written comment, please contact the Washington state rehabilitation council office by emailing wsrc@dshs.wa.gov or calling 360-791-5473 no later than Friday, April 26, 2024.

WSR 24-06-078
INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
[Filed March 5, 2024, 2:18 p.m.]

Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement

In accordance with RCW 34.05.230(12), following is a list of policy and interpretive statements issued by the department of social and health services.

Economic Services Administration
Division of Child Support

Document Title: DCS Administrative Policy 1.28: Electronic Signatures on Division of Child Support (DCS) Case-Related Documents.

Subject: DCS AP 1.28.

Effective Date: February 14, 2024.

Document Description: This policy explains when and how DCS accepts and uses electronic signatures on case-related documents. This policy defines "signature" and "electronic signature" to help staff determine when an electronic signature qualifies.

To receive a copy of the interpretive or policy statements, contact Amy Hahl, DCS, P.O. Box 11520, Tacoma, WA 98411-5520, phone 360-397-9801, TDD/TTY 800-833-6384, fax 360-664-5342, email amy.hahl@dshs.wa.gov, website <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support>.

WSR 24-06-082

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
OFFICE

(Recreation and Conservation Funding Board)

[Filed March 5, 2024, 4:08 p.m.]

The recreation and conservation funding board is adjusting the **time** and **date** of the regular quarterly meeting scheduled for April 16-17, 2024:

FROM: April 16-17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Room 172, Olympia, WA 98501; or online via Zoom.

to: April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:20 p.m., at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Room 172, Olympia, WA 98501; or online via Zoom.

For further information, please contact Julia McNamara, Julia.McNamara@rco.wa.gov or check the recreation and conservation office's (RCO) web page at <https://rco.wa.gov/boards/recreation-and-conservation-funding-board/meetings/>.

RCO schedules all public meetings at barrier-free sites. Persons who need special assistance may contact Leslie Frank at 360-902-0220 or email leslie.frank@rco.wa.gov.

WSR 24-06-086
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
[Filed March 6, 2024, 9:56 a.m.]

PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing the Draft Water Treatment Plant General Permit and Fact Sheet for Review and Comment

The Washington state department of ecology (ecology) proposes to reissue the Water Treatment Plant National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and state waste discharge general permit (permit). The current permit was last issued in July 2019 and is scheduled to expire at the end of **August 2024**. The revised draft permit and fact sheet, which explain the legal and technical basis for the permit, are available with any associated documents for review and public comment from **March 20 through May 3, 2024, 11:59 p.m.** Ecology will host informational workshops and public hearings on the draft permit.

Purpose of the Permit: The permit provides coverage for water treatment plants that discharge backwash effluent to surface water. Under federal and state water quality laws (Federal Clean Water Act and State Water Pollution Control Act), a permit is required for the discharge of this wastewater. Water treatment plants that discharge filter backwash wastewater either directly or indirectly to waters of the state must obtain permit authorization for their discharge.

Applying for Coverage Under the Permit: Facilities that have already applied for coverage by **March 4, 2024**, and are covered under the existing permit, are covered under the new permit. New or unpermitted facilities may obtain coverage under the permit by submitting a complete permit application to ecology and satisfying all applicable public notice and State Environmental Policy Act requirements (WAC 173-226-200). Access to the application is available online at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Water-treatment-plants#info>.

Copies of the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet: The draft permit and fact sheet are available online at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Water-treatment-plants> by end of day on **March 20, 2024**. You may request hard copies from Jackie Lince at jackie.lince@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-6600.

Submitting Written Comments: Ecology will accept written comments on the draft permit from **March 20 through May 3, 2024, 11:59 p.m.** Ecology prefers online comment submission via the eComment form (link below) on the permit web page. Written comments by mail must be post-marked by **May 3, 2024**. Comments should reference specific permit text when possible.

Online via the eComment form: <https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=CkjDY7TKQ> (preferred).

By mail: Send to James Hovis, Washington State Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696, phone 564-999-3244, email James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities (ADA): To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, call ecology at 360-407-7285 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington relay service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Public Workshop(s) and Hearing(s): The purpose of the workshop is to explain the general permit and to answer questions prior to the formal public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an op-

portunity for people to give formal oral testimony and written comments on the proposed draft permit. Oral testimony will receive the same consideration as written comments.

The public hearing will begin immediately following the public workshop and will conclude when public testimony is complete.

The water treatment plant workshops and hearings will occur on **April 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, morning webinar, register [contact agency for link]; or on **April 23, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**, afternoon webinar, register [contact agency for link].

Issuing the Permit: After ecology receives and considers all public comments, we will make a final decision on permit issuance. Ecology expects to make a decision on the general permit in **August 2024**.