Presentation Overview

- Washington State Water Quality Plan to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Controlled Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) General Permit
Background on Nonpoint Plan

- Section 319 added to the Federal Clean Water Act in 1987—State Nonpoint source management programs.
- Current version of plan published in April 2000.
- Last updated in June 2005.
Purpose for update

- Federal interest in nonpoint pollution.
  - Recognized as leading cause of impairment to nation’s waters.
  - Found greater oversight needed along with additional data.
- EPA responded with two key pieces of guidance.
  - Key components for an effective state nonpoint plan.
  - Nonpoint source program and grants guidelines.
- Update frequency target is every five years.
Key Components

- Explicit short and long-term goals, objectives and strategies for addressing nonpoint pollution.
  - State plan covers all nonpoint pollution.
Key Components

- Focus on implementation.
- Strengthening partnerships.
- Better coordinate state programs.
  - Alignment of TMDL program with nonpoint efforts.
- All federal statutory requirements included in plan.
Status and timeline

- Plan must be submitted to EPA by June 30, 2015.

- Public Participation:
  - Webinar to kick-off updated process-end of 2014.
  - Draft Plan-spring 2015.
  - Public meetings-spring 2015.
  - Public comment period-spring 2015.
  - Available to meet with all stakeholders as needed.
Questions on Nonpoint Plan

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See also:
• Section 319 Program Guidance: Key Components of an Effective State Nonpoint Source Management Program (November 2012).
• Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories (April 2013)
CAFO Permit Re-Issuance

- Previous permit coverage 2006-2011.
  - Administratively extended
- Ecology initiating work on re-issuance of the CAFO permit.
- Anticipate wide range of expectations.
  - Pace and timeline
  - Permit components
  - Facilities covered
Tentative Process/Schedule

- Initiate meetings with key stakeholders – Nov/Dec 2014
- Hold 2-3 general interest listening sessions – Nov/Dec 2014
- Preliminary draft CAFO permit for informal public comment – spring 2015
- Formal draft CAFO permit for public comment – late summer 2015
- Issue final CAFO permit – January 2016
Questions on CAFO permit

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