

Economic questions to consider during the rule development phase

Ecology's economists analyze economic impacts and benefits from proposed rules, permits, and other projects. We use real-world data, often collected directly from stakeholders, to comprehensively analyze and model economic impacts from changes in environmental policies and regulations in Washington. Please consider the following questions as you work with Ecology staff during the development of this policy or regulation.

How would the rule changes affect you?

- Specific costs or benefits?
- What specific sections or policies?

What specific costs do you expect to incur as a result of the changes to the rule?

- Equipment, supplies, labor, professional services/contractors, administrative, and other costs

How could we still achieve the goals of the rulemaking while using the following methods reduce your costs of compliance with the rule changes?

- Reducing substantive regulatory requirements
- Reducing recordkeeping & reporting
- Reducing inspections
- Phasing in
- Reducing penalties
- Other?

Are you a small business or local government?

- What problems do you encounter in complying with the rule changes because you are a small business or local government?
- Can you provide examples? (*e.g., need to borrow to cover large up-front costs, lack internal staff and need to hire contractor, need to revise local ordinance, difficulty or lag in raising fees*)?

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Who should I speak with about my economic concerns, questions, or ideas?

- You may reach out to our economics team at **Economics@ecy.wa.gov** or your contact in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program
- You may be contacted by **Sam Wilson** of Ecology's economic team to provide both quantitative and qualitative data for our economic analyses
- If you would like to submit a public comment, please do so during the official public comment period (dates tbd)

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