

Rule Proposal Notice Electronic Product Recycling Public Comment Period Open

The Department of Ecology has filed a draft rule, WAC 173-900 Electronic Product Recycling, that will be published in the Washington State Register on August 2, 2006.

Requirements of the rule:

- Manufacturers of covered electronic products* must register with Ecology, pay an annual administrative fee to cover the agency's costs and brand their products sold in or into Washington State.
- Retailers must only sell branded products and covered electronic products from registered manufacturers.
- Collectors and transporter must also register with Ecology.

The rule prescribes the enforcement process and associated penalties for non-compliance.

Ecology is proposing the rule under the authority granted in RCW 70.95N passed by the State Legislature during its 2006 session. The rules currently proposed are necessary in order to comply with the registration and labeling date of January 1, 2007 established in the law.

Ecology will develop additional rules related to the new electronic product recycling law throughout the upcoming year.

On-line

You may review the draft rule and background information on-line at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/rulDev.html>

Effective Date

Ecology plans to adopt this rule on October 25, 2006, the effective date will be November 25, 2006.

To provide comments on this rule you may submit written comments until 5:00 PM Sept. 7, 2006 to:

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Or, you may attend one of the following public hearings and provide verbal comments:

August 22, 2006 7:00 PM

Department of Ecology Vancouver Field Office Conference Room
2108 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, Washington

August 24, 2006 7:00 PM

Snohomish County PUD Electric Building Headquarters
Commissioners Meeting Room
2320 California Street
Everett, Washington

August 29, 2006 7:00PM

Spokane Regional Health District Auditorium
1101 W. College Ave Spokane, Washington

**Covered electronic products are personal computers, laptop and portable computers, computer monitors and televisions*