Chapter 90.52 RCW
POLLUTION DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1971

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RCW 90.52.005  Environmental excellence program agreements—Effect on chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any legal requirement under this chapter, including any standard, limitation, rule, or order is superseded and replaced in accordance with the terms and provisions of an environmental excellence program agreement, entered into under chapter 43.21K RCW. [1997 c 381 § 27.]

Purpose—1997 c 381: See RCW 43.21K.005.

RCW 90.52.010  Annual reports required—Contents—Critical materials designated. Every person conducting a commercial or industrial operation within this state who discharges wastes, other than sanitary sewage, into waters of the state or into any sewer system which discharges into waters of the state, and every person conducting a commercial or industrial operation within the state who discharges wastes into the air of the state, shall file, annually, during the month of January, reports, on forms provided by the department of ecology, setting forth:
(1) The nature of the enterprise;
(2) A list of materials used in, and incidental to, its manufacturing processes, including by-products and waste products;
(3) The estimated annual total gallons or pounds (or other appropriate measurement) of wastes, including, but not limited to, process and cooling water to be discharged into the water or air, or into any sewer system.

The list of materials provided for in subsection (2) hereof shall relate to all materials designated by the director of the department of ecology, after consultation with a committee on [of] environmental specialists of not less than five appointed by the director, as critical materials which have substantial potential to adversely affect the quality of waters or environment of the state, or the uses made thereof, if allowed to enter the same. Formal designation shall be adopted by the director as a rule and filed in a "critical materials" registry of the department of ecology. "Person" as used herein means an individual partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity. [1971 ex.s. c 160 § 1.]

RCW 90.52.020  Confidentiality as to manufacturing processes. The department of ecology shall provide proper and adequate procedures
to safeguard the confidentiality of manufacturing processes: PROVIDED, 
That the confidentiality shall not extend to waste products discharged 
into the waters or air of the state. [1971 ex.s. c 160 § 2.]

**RCW 90.52.030 Operation subject to injunction, when—Civil 
penalties.** Operation of an industrial or commercial operation in 
violation of RCW 90.52.010 may be enjoined on petition of the attorney 
general to the superior court of Thurston county or of the county in 
which the operation is located.

Operation of an industrial or commercial operation in violation 
of this chapter shall provide the basis of a civil penalty under RCW 
90.48.144 or 70A.15.3160 as now or are hereafter amended. No person 
may discharge wastes into the waters or air of the state who fails to 
satisfy the requirements of RCW 90.52.010 and 90.52.040. [2020 c 20 § 
1504; 1971 ex.s. c 160 § 3.]

**RCW 90.52.040 Wastes to be provided with available methods of 
treatment prior to discharge into waters of the state.** Except as 
provided in RCW 90.54.020(3)(b), in the administration of the 
provisions of chapter 90.48 RCW, the director of the department of 
ecology shall, regardless of the quality of the water of the state to 
which wastes are discharged or proposed for discharge, and regardless 
of the minimum water quality standards established by the director for 
said waters, require wastes to be provided with all known, available, 
and reasonable methods of treatment prior to their discharge or entry 
into waters of the state. [1987 c 399 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 160 § 4.]

**RCW 90.52.900 Short title.** This act shall be known and may be 
cited as the Pollution Disclosure Act of 1971. [1971 ex.s. c 160 § 
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