

WAC 173-401-940 Fee eligible activities—Ecology and delegated local authorities. (1) Permit administration activities shall include:

(a) Preapplication assistance and review of an application and proposed compliance plan for a permit, permit revision, or renewal;

(b) Source inspections, testing and other data-gathering activities necessary for the development of a permit, permit revision, or renewal;

(c) Acting on an application for a permit, permit revision, or renewal, including the costs of developing an applicable requirement as part of the processing of a permit, permit revision, or renewal, preparing a draft permit and fact sheet, and preparing a final permit, but excluding the costs of developing BACT, LAER, BART, or RACT requirements for criteria and toxic air pollutants;

(d) Notifying and soliciting, reviewing and responding to comment from the public and contiguous states and tribes, conducting public hearings regarding the issuance of a draft permit and other costs of providing information to the public regarding operating permits and the permit issuance process;

(e) Modeling necessary to establish permit limits or to determine compliance with permit limits;

(f) Reviewing compliance certifications and emissions reports and conducting related compilation and reporting activities;

(g) Conducting compliance inspections, complaint investigations, and other activities necessary to ensure that a source is complying with permit conditions;

(h) Administrative enforcement activities and penalty assessment, excluding the costs of proceedings before the pollution control hearings board and all costs of judicial enforcement;

(i) The share attributable to permitted sources of the development and maintenance of emissions inventories;

(j) The share attributable to permitted sources of ambient air quality monitoring and associated recording and reporting activities;

(k) Training for permit administration and enforcement;

(l) Fee determination, assessment, and collection, including the costs of necessary administrative dispute resolution and penalty collection;

(m) Required fiscal audits, periodic performance audits, and reporting activities;

(n) Tracking of time, revenues and expenditures, and accounting activities;

(o) Administering the permit program including the costs of clerical support, supervision, and management;

(p) Other activities required by operating permit regulations issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Clean Air Act; and

(q) Provision of assistance to small business consistent with RCW 70A.15.2270.

(2) Development and oversight activities shall include:

(a) Review and determinations necessary for delegation of authority to administer and enforce a permit program to a local air authority under RCW 70A.15.2260(2) and 70A.15.6240;

(b) Conducting fiscal audits and periodic performance audits of delegated local authorities, and other oversight functions required by the operating permit program;

(c) Administering enforcement actions taken by the department on behalf of a permitting authority, including those actions taken by the department under RCW 70A.15.6050, but excluding the costs of proceedings before the pollution control hearings board and all costs of judicial enforcement;

(d) Determination and assessment with respect to each permitting authority of the fees covering its share of the costs of development and oversight;

(e) Training and assistance for permit program administration and oversight, including training and assistance regarding technical, administrative, and data management issues;

(f) Development of generally applicable regulations or guidance regarding the permit program or its implementation or enforcement;

(g) State codification of federal rules or standards for inclusion in operating permits;

(h) Preparation of delegation package and other activities associated with submittal of the state permit program to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval, including ongoing coordination activities;

(i) General administration and coordination of the state permit program, related support activities, and other agency indirect costs, including necessary data management and quality assurance;

(j) Required fiscal audits and periodic performance audits of the department, and reporting activities;

(k) Tracking of time, revenues and expenditures, and accounting activities;

(l) Public education and outreach related to the operating permit program, including the maintenance of a permit register;

(m) The share attributable to permitted sources of compiling and maintaining emissions inventories;

(n) The share attributable to permitted sources of ambient air quality monitoring, related technical support, and associated recording activities;

(o) Provision of assistance to small business as required under Section 507 of the Federal Clean Air Act as it exists on the effective date of this act or its later enactment as adopted by reference by the director by rule;

(p) Provision of services by the department of revenue and the office of the state attorney general and other state agencies in support of permit program administration;

(q) A one-time revision to the state implementation plan to make those administrative changes necessary to ensure coordination of the state implementation plan and the operating permit program; and

(r) Other activities required by operating permit regulations issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Clean Air Act.

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