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Katie Wolt
Agency Rules Coordinator
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Washington State Department of Ecology

Re: WSPA Comments on the proposed amendments to Chapters 173-455, 173-400, and 173-50 WAC.

Dear Ms. Wolt,

The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Department of Ecology's proposed amendments for Chapters 173-455, 173-400, and 173-50 WAC. WSPA is a non-profit trade association that represents companies that safely explore for, produce, refine, transport and market petroleum, petroleum products, natural gas, and other energy supplies in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona.

WSPA supports the proposed amendments. While the changes are administrative in nature, we appreciate Ecology taking these preliminary steps as part of its broader effort to improve permitting efficiency.

WSPA also encourages Ecology to continue pursuing opportunities to improve permitting efficiency for new projects. Timely and predictable permitting for new and modified facilities is essential to supporting environmental improvements, infrastructure investments, and the deployment of new technologies in Washington.

On behalf of WSPA and its member companies, thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (360) 918-2178 or via email at jspiegel@wspa.org.

Sincerely,

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