

Clean Fuel Standard

Draft Rule Summary

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has prepared a Clean Fuel Standard draft rule that would apply to transportation fuels supplied or sold in the four-county Puget Sound region – King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. A Clean Fuel Standard would reduce greenhouse gas pollution to address climate change and protect human health.

What is a Clean Fuel Standard?

A Clean Fuel Standard reduces greenhouse gas pollution from transportation through a system of deficit and credit trading that requires transportation fuels to become cleaner over time.

What's in the draft rule?

Pollution Reduction Target

The proposed target is a 25% reduction in carbon intensity for the region's transportation fuel pool by 2030.

Regulated Transportation Fuels

Gasoline, diesel, ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel, fossil natural gas, propane, and any blend of these fuels.

Opt-In Transportation Fuels

Electricity, renewable natural gas, alternative jet fuel, hydrogen, and renewable propane.

Exempted Fuel Applications

Interstate locomotives, ocean-going vessels, aircraft, military vehicles, and small volume fuel producers.

Highly Impacted Communities

The draft rule specifies that 35% of credit revenue generated by electric utilities and transit agencies must focus on benefiting highly impacted communities by increasing access to and awareness of electric transportation options.

The rule would form Community Advisory Groups to provide input to electric utilities on equity considerations. The rule would also establish an Equity Credit Aggregator to use any unclaimed electricity credits, and an Equity Advisory Committee to provide input on the selection of the Equity Credit Aggregator and its annual scope of work.

Rulemaking timeline

October 9, 2019: Release of a draft Clean Fuel Standard rule, starting a public comment period.

February 10, 2020: The public comment period closes (extended from January 6, 2020).

First Quarter 2020: The Agency will consider all comments received during the comment period. The Agency's Board of Directors will review a summary of public comments and discuss next steps at its next meeting on February 27, 2020.

How to provide public comment

Comments can be provided in the following ways:

Email: CleanFuels@psccleanair.gov

Mail: Send to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105, Seattle, WA 98101

In-person public hearings:

- December 19, 2019, 12:30 - 4:30 PM, 5 - 8 PM
Washington State Convention Center
705 Pike Street, Seattle, WA
- January 30, 2020, 4 - 7 PM
Everett Public Library - Main Branch
2702 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA
- February 4, 2020, 4 - 7 PM
Kitsap Conference Center
100 Washington Avenue, Bremerton, WA
- February 5, 2020, 4 - 7 PM
Tacoma Public Library - Main Branch
1102 Tacoma Avenue S, Tacoma, WA

More information: psccleanair.gov/CleanFuelStandard