



DEPARTMENT OF  
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# Ecology's Tier II Process

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# Antidegradation Requirements

## Three Tiers of Protection:

- Tier I: (WAC 173-201A-310) Protects existing and designated uses.
- Tier II: (WAC 173-201A-320) Ensures waters of a higher quality than the criteria assigned are not measurably degraded unless necessary and in the overriding public interest.
- Tier III: (WAC 173-201A-330) Prevents degradation of any waters formally adopted as “outstanding resource waters.”

# Tier II Process

- DNR develops draft rule language with other government, Tribal, and stakeholder involvement.
- DNR conducts spatial analysis.
- DNR convenes economic workgroup to conduct preliminary economic analyses.
- Ecology reviews draft rule language and preliminary economic analyses and prepares Tier II Analysis.

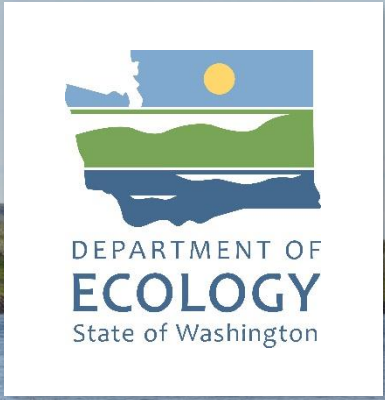
# Tier II Analysis

- Ecology will describe in writing how the control program meets antidegradation requirements and is necessary and in the overriding public interest (see WAC 173-201-320(4)).
- Review of Ecology's Tier II Analysis will be available to the public during the public hearings process for the rule.
- Ecology reviews public comments and updates Tier II Analysis, as necessary.

# Tier II Analysis

- Final Tier II Analysis delivered to the Forest Practices Board prior to the filing of a CR103
- Any changes to the draft rule language prior to Board approval may require an additional adjustment to the Tier II Analysis.





# Thank you

Questions?