

CHAPTER 500

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 499]

WASTEWATER PERMITS—REVIEW AND MODIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to the issuance or renewal of state and federal wastewater permits; adding a new section to chapter 90.48 RCW; and repealing RCW 90.48.470.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW to read as follows:

In order to improve water quality by controlling toxicants in wastewater, the department of ecology shall in issuing and renewing state and federal wastewater discharge permits review the applicant's operations and incorporate permit conditions which require all known, available, and reasonable methods to control toxicants in the applicant's wastewater. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to: (1) Limits on the discharge of specific chemicals, and (2) limits on the overall toxicity of the effluent. The toxicity of the effluent shall be determined by techniques such as chronic or acute bioassays. Such conditions shall be required regardless of the quality of receiving water and regardless of the minimum water quality standards. In no event shall the discharge of toxicants be allowed that would violate any water quality standard, including toxicant standards, sediment criteria, and dilution zone criteria.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1985 and RCW 90.48.470 are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 501

[Substitute House Bill No. 1132]

TRI-CITIES—ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to the diversification of the economy of the Tri-Cities; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes that the economic base of the Tri-Cities is overly dependent upon congressional appropriations to the nuclear activities on the Hanford reservation. Frequent fluctuations in federal appropriations have resulted in a local economy which is unstable and which has limited flexibility to respond to important shifts in federal policy. Additionally, many jobs in the Tri-Cities area may