

Washington State Irrigation General Permit

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Background

First issued in 2002.
Revised in 2012. Expired in 2017.

General permits are revised every
5 years.

Court rulings contributed. Satisfies
state and federal requirements.



Permit Revision Process

Prelim

- Talk to stakeholders.
- Develop the environmental impact statement (SEPA).
- Develop and share the preliminary draft with Permittees.

Formal

- Make revisions.
- Conduct an economic impact analysis for small businesses.
- Release the formal draft for public comment. Hold hearings.

Final

- Make revisions. Respond to comments.
- Issue the final permit.
- Assist permittees with compliance.



Potential Schedule

2018



Stakeholder Involvement

Stakeholders = irrigation districts,
environmental groups, tribes, public

Get involved! Review the draft permit,
submit comments, attend public hearings.

Tell us how the permit impacts you and how
the permit can be improved.



Possible Permit Changes



State Environmental Policy Act

Required by
state law

Develop an
Environmental
Impact
Statement

Includes potential
significant impacts
and mitigation
strategies

Used to inform
permit
development



Questions for CBDL

What groups should we reach out to?

How does CBDL work with irrigation districts?

Do certain activities need CBDL approval?

Are there any constraints?



Thank you!

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