

WAC 344-18-665 Policies for conditioning or denying licenses.

(1) Policies - General. The committee adopts by reference policies of the State Environmental Policy Act as expressed in RCW 43.21C.020.

(2) Policies - Specific. The committee and the department recognize the need to protect the public from oil and gas drilling effects such as but not limited to the contamination of the groundwater, the surface water, the possibility of a blowout, fire hazards, drilling fluids contamination, and surface disturbance. The decisionmaker may, when necessary, condition any license to mitigate specific adverse environmental impacts identified in an environmental document on a proposal. The decisionmaker may deny a license for a proposal if reasonable mitigation measures are insufficient to mitigate significant adverse environmental impacts and denial is consistent with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, the State Environmental Policy Act, and the public interest.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.120. WSR 85-03-016 (Order 5, Resolution No. 9), § 344-18-665, filed 1/7/85.]