



FEE RULEMAKING INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Division of Environmental Public Health
July 15, 2025

Agenda

Welcome + Introductions

Overview of the Division of Environmental Public Health (EPH)

Overview of EPH Budget and Financials

EPH Fee Programs

Rulemaking Process

Introductions

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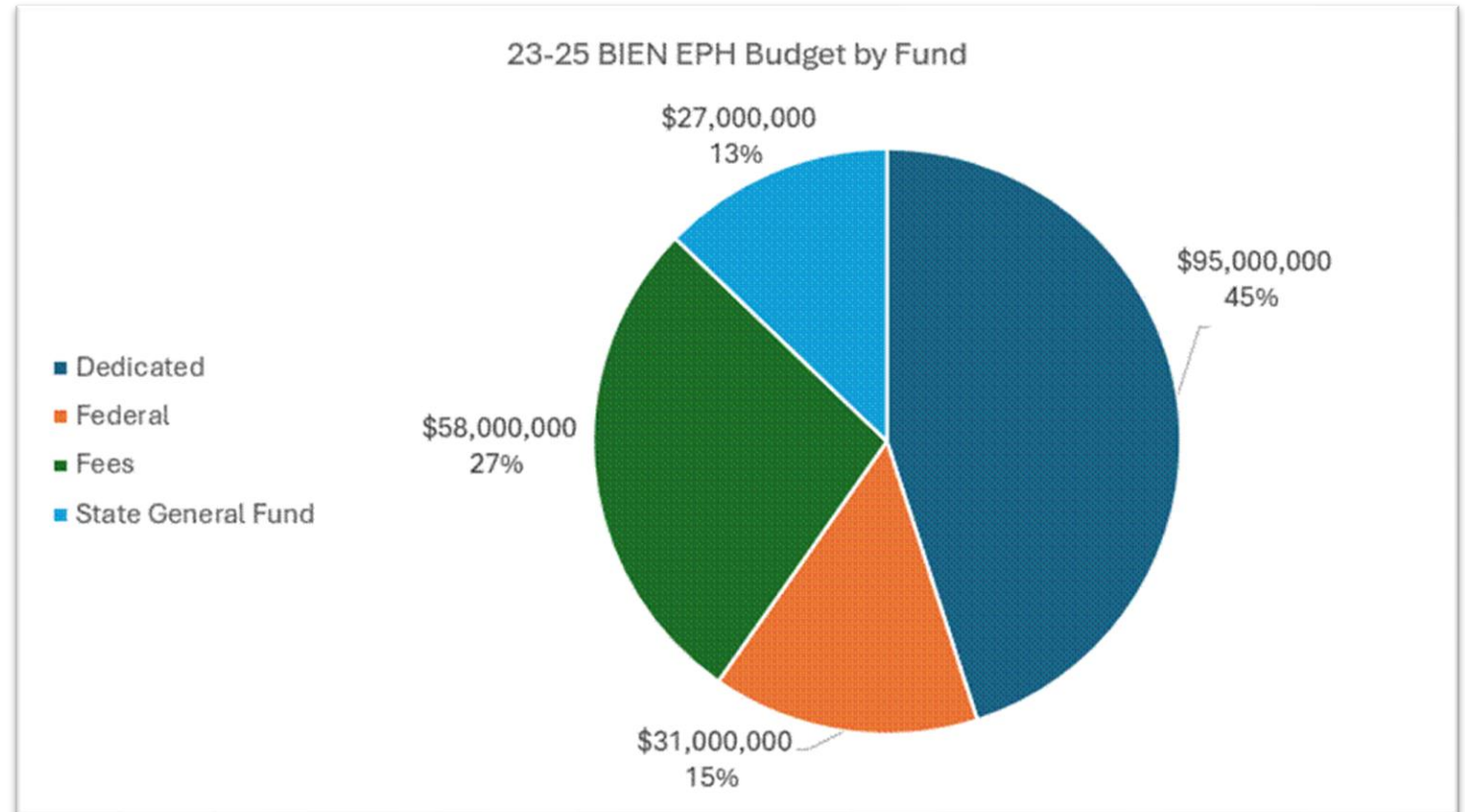
Division of Environmental Public Health

The Environmental Public Health Division supports the Department's mission by working with local governments and other agencies in the areas of:

- Safe drinking water
- Food safety
- Shellfish protection
- Radiation safety
- Wastewater management
- Pesticide exposures
- Vector borne disease
- General environmental health and safety issues
- Health risk assessments

EPH Budget Overview

- Federal
 - Dedicated funding
- State
 - State General Fund
 - Dedicated
 - Foundational Public Health
 - Model Toxics Control Act
 - Climate Commitment Act
 - Capital Budget
- Fees
 - Current rule making



Fiscal Drivers

- Known
 - Reductions of General Fund State funding, including Foundational Public Health Services funding
 - Delayed and reduced Federal funding
 - Fund balance reserve amounts set by Washington State Office of Financial Management
 - Cost-of-living adjustments
 - Job classification adjustments
 - Costs for Service
- Unknown/Future
 - Additional reductions (Federal and State)
 - Increased programmatic costs (example: travel and IT systems)
 - Inflation

Adjusting Fees to Maintain Services

- Our commitment to delivering essential services and safeguarding public health remains our top priority, particularly in maintaining environmental public health services.
- The entire Department of Health is experiencing funding reductions and increased expenditures.
- Fee increases are necessary to continue providing timely and effective services.
- Fees will be different levels of adjustment depending on costs, time studies, and independent review.

EPH Fee Programs

Office of Drinking Water

- Water system evaluations and project reviews and approvals (e.g. sanitary surveys and submittal reviews)
- Certified operator and public water system certification
- Operating permit

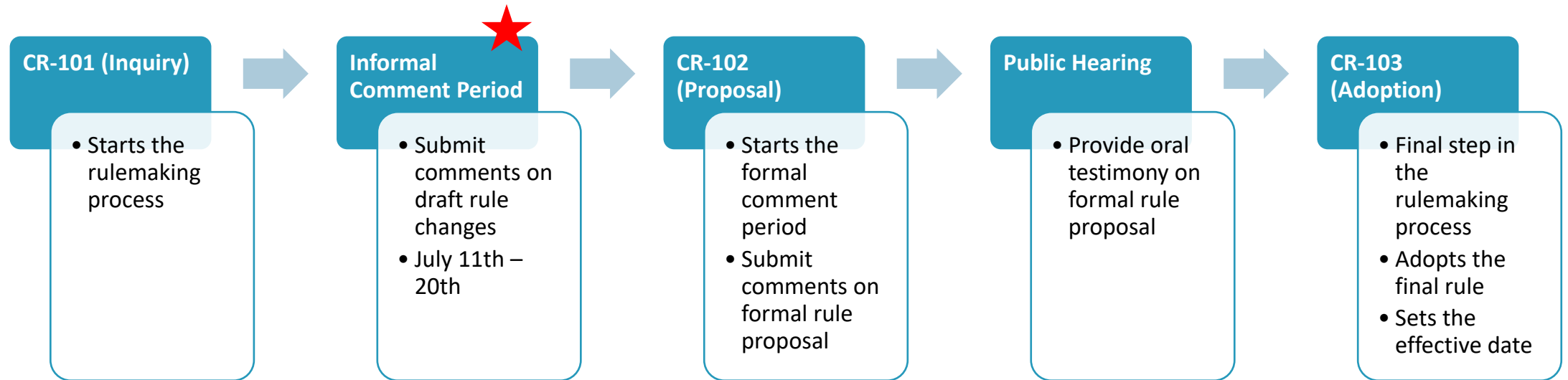
Office of Radiation Protection

- X-ray machine facilities
- Radioactive materials
- Radioactive waste

Office of Environmental Health & Safety

- Drug lab cleanup
- Water recreation
- Wastewater and Reclaimed water use
- Commercial Shellfish
- Temporary worker housing
- Transient accommodations
- Food safety

Rulemaking Process



Get Involved

- We welcome and encourage your participation through the rulemaking process.
- Share your comments, questions, feedback during both the informal and formal comment periods, and at the public hearing.
- Join our GovDelivery interested parties' lists. Notifications are sent regularly.
- Monitor the rulemaking webpages. Updated regularly with the latest information.

To participate in the rulemaking process, please contact Zehra Siddiqui, EPH Rules Coordinator, at zehra.siddiqui@doh.wa.gov

Rulemaking Webpages

Office of Drinking Water



**Office of Environmental
Health & Safety**



**Office of Radiation
Protection**



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