

Subject: Professional credential on submitted decisions and reports of exams

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Good Afternoon Water conservancy board contacts,

I wanted to reach out with some important information for Water Conservancy Boards.

It has come to our attention that the water conservancy board (WCB) rules may not have been consistently applied regarding the requirement for a licensed professional to approve (with stamp) any relevant analysis submitted to a water conservancy board to support a change application. This email is to provide some basic information as a reminder of the current rule requirements.

Under [WAC 173-153-110\(3\)](#), any engineering, hydrologic, geologic, or hydrogeological analysis submitted to a water conservancy board must be done by professionals licensed under RCW 18.43 (for engineering) or RCW 18.220 (for geology/hydrogeology) and must bear the appropriate professional stamp.

When Ecology reviews water conservancy board records of decision and reports of examination (ROD-ROEs), Ecology will verify that any engineering analysis is stamped by a professional engineer (PE) and any hydrogeologic analysis is stamped by licensed hydrogeologist (HG).

If Ecology finds that there is a missing stamped analysis, we will ask the WCB and applicant to provide a stamped analysis or withdraw the ROD-ROE until such time that a stamped analysis can be provided. If no stamped analysis is provided to Ecology after this communication, we will reverse the ROD-ROE and deny the change application.

This may seem like a shift in past practice. However, this approach is needed so Ecology follows the rules applicable to this situation. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
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