

**RCW 76.09.100 Failure to comply with water quality protection—  
Department of ecology authorized to petition appeals board—Action on  
petition.** If the department of ecology determines that a person has  
failed to comply with the forest practices regulations relating to  
water quality protection, and that the department of natural resources  
has not issued a stop work order or notice to comply, the department  
of ecology shall inform the department thereof. If the department of  
natural resources fails to take authorized enforcement action within  
twenty-four hours under RCW 76.09.080, 76.09.090, 76.09.120, or  
76.09.130, the department of ecology may petition to the chair of the  
appeals board, who shall, within forty-eight hours, either deny the  
petition or direct the department of natural resources to immediately  
issue a stop work order or notice to comply, or to impose a penalty.  
No civil or criminal penalties shall be imposed for past actions or  
omissions if such actions or omissions were conducted pursuant to an  
approval or directive of the department of natural resources. [2013 c  
23 § 220; 1975 1st ex.s. c 200 § 7; 1974 ex.s. c 137 § 10.]