

## **Reclaimed Water Facilities in Washington State and Their Impacts on Existing Water Rights**

**Abstract:** When existing wastewater dischargers in Washington State propose to reclaim their water and cease to discharge it, they are required to conduct an analysis of potential impacts to existing water rights that relied upon historic discharges. When new reclaimed water facilities are proposed, the operators are required to conduct an analysis of potential impacts to existing water rights. We will review analyses conducted for one existing wastewater facility and one new reclaimed water facility, and consider the calculated impacts on surface and groundwater rights. We will also discuss potential mitigation for identified impacts.

Drinking Water and Wastewater Professional CEUs are available from Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing for this session.

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