

# Water Quality Standards



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## **Willamette Basin Mercury Variance Rulemaking**

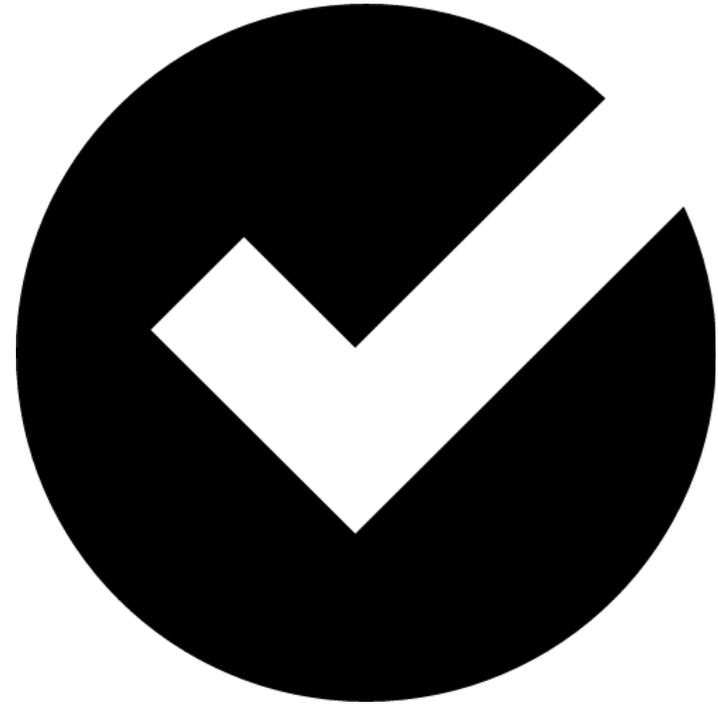
Objectives and Schedule

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# Presentation Objectives

- ✓ Goals and objectives of the rulemaking
- ✓ Rulemaking schedule
- ✓ Advisory committee discussion topics



# Rulemaking Objectives

Multiple Discharger Variance rule

Streamlined application process

State and federal rule consistency

# Variance Rulemaking – Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Advisory Committee	11/1, 11/29, 1/24, 2/19
Public Notice and Comment Period	April – May 2019
Public Hearings	May 2019
EQC Presentation	September 2019
EPA Submittal	September 2019

# Multiple Discharger Variance

- ✓ EPA approval
- ✓ Reduce mercury loads
- ✓ Achievable effluent limits

# Multiple Discharger Variance Topics

- ✓ Justification
- ✓ Highest Attainable Condition
- ✓ Pollution minimization plans
- ✓ Variance duration and re-evaluation

# Consistent Federal and State Variance Rules

- ✓ Duration
- ✓ Allowance for waterbody variance
- ✓ Highest Attainable Condition

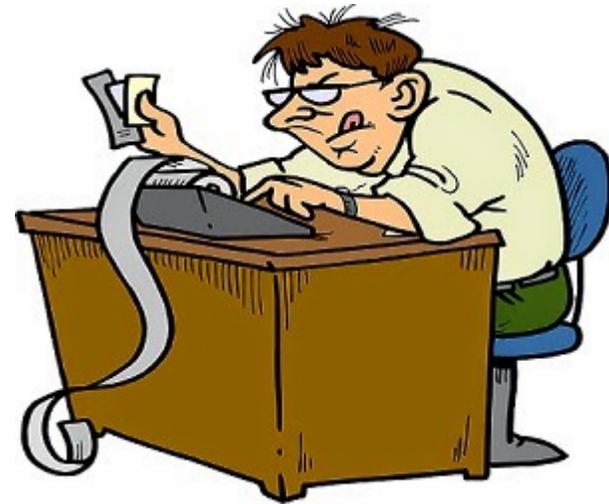
# Clear Application Process

- ✓ Clear eligibility requirements
- ✓ Application template
- ✓ Variance requirement template
- ✓ Variance IMD updates?



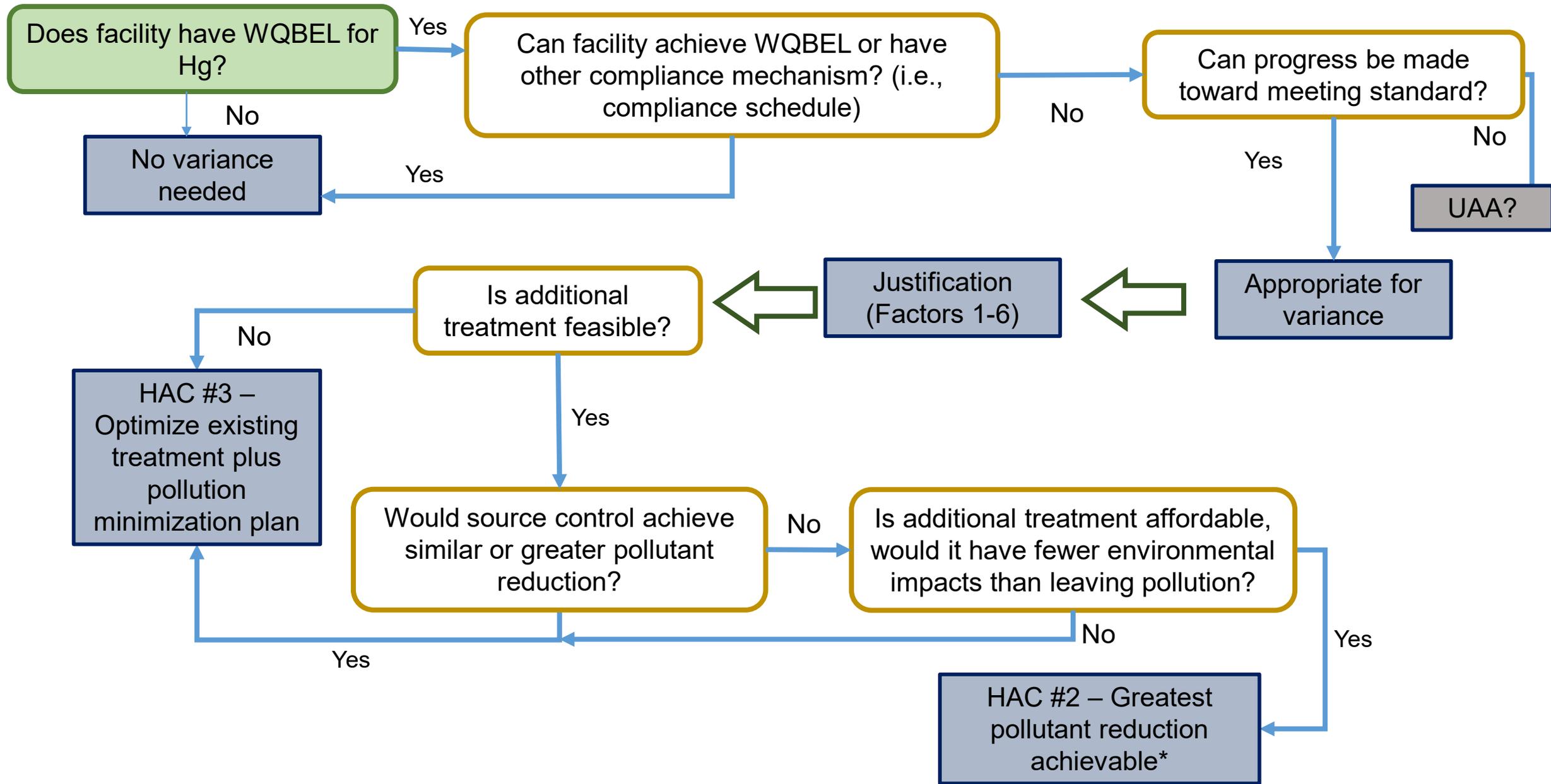
# Other Topics

- ✓ Issue paper
- ✓ Fiscal impact statement



# Questions?





\* - may need compliance schedule