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WA Climate Commitment Act (RCW 70A.65): LIVE — First Compliance Period Closes Dec 31, 2026

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Rule: Washington Climate Commitment Act (CCA, RCW 70A.65 & WAC 173-446) | **Status:** LIVE | **Instrument:** RCW 70A.65 & Laws of 2026, c. 251 (WAC 173-446) | **Date:** December 31, 2026 (First Compliance Period Close)

Verdict & Proof: Washington's Climate Commitment Act (RCW 70A.65) is LIVE. The program's first four-year compliance period (2023–2026) closes on December 31, 2026, with covered emitters (>=25,000 MT CO2e/yr) and fuel/utility suppliers required to surrender compliance instruments.



CCA Tier	Threshold	Status (Nov 16, 2026)
WAC 173-441 Reporting	>=10,000 MT CO2e/yr	LIVE — Annual Ecology filing
CCA Allowance Compliance	>=25,000 MT CO2e/yr	LIVE — Period 1 closes Dec 31, 2026
Utility / Fuel Pass-Through	All commercial customers	LIVE — Reflected in gas/fuel pricing

Who Owes What by When: Direct Emitters vs. Pass-Through Costs

Enacted under RCW 70A.65 and upheld by Washington voters in November 2024, the CCA caps emissions across industrial facilities (>=25,000 MT CO2e/yr), natural gas utilities, electric utilities, and fuel suppliers. The first compliance period (2023–2026) ends December 31, 2026, with Laws of 2026, c. 251 refining market-fairness provisions.

Even when a Washington space supplier emits below 10,000 MT CO2e/yr (WAC 173-441 reporting) and 25,000 MT CO2e/yr (CCA compliance), it pays CCA allowance costs embedded in PSE natural gas bills, industrial diesel, and process heating.

Independent of Federal EPA Repeals

Because the CCA is a Washington state statute, EPA's proposed 40 CFR Part 98 rollback does not pause or alter CCA reporting or allowance surrender.

Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

• WA Dept. of Ecology: Climate Commitment Act: https://ecology.wa.gov/air-climate/climate-commitment-act