



# Heating Oil Insurance Program Rulemaking on Chapter 374-70 WAC Listening Session Comments 6/1/2022

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<p>1. I have been instructed that I must sign-up for PLIA insurance with each oil supplier. Is this correct? Is my PLIA coverage tied to the oil supplier, and not my physical address?</p> <p>2. I have completed applications for PLIA insurance with each oil company. (Ballard Oil, Genesee Oil, Sound Oil, etc..) Does my PLIA protection and registration expire, ever? Must I re-submit a PLIA application each time I choose a new oil supplier?</p> <p>3. Why can't PLIA insurance coverage be addressed ONCE, with ONE application, linked to my physical residence, and remain in-force with the state of Washington, permanently?</p> <p>4. Does PLIA insurance continue to offer protection after I have stopped heating my home with oil? (What if oil contamination is discovered 10 years after I stopped using oil heat?)</p> <p>Thank you for adding my comments to the PLIA Listening Sessions.</p>	<p>1. Registration in the Heating Oil Insurance Program is tied to your heating oil tank on your property and is done through PLIA only.</p> <p>2. The registration only ends if you sell the property to another owner who does not transfer the registration in their name, or when you disconnect from your tank at which point you have 30 calendar days to file a claim. You may inform the heating oil company of your current registration. Contact PLIA to obtain your registration number.</p> <p>3. The registration is only done once per owner. The registration ends if property ownership changes and there is not transfer.</p> <p>4. If your heating oil tank is decommissioned while you still own your property, PLIA recommends that you perform soil testing to ensure that no releases have occurred. The insurance covers releases that occur during your current registration period and within 30 days of decommissioning your tank WAC 374-70-080(4).</p>
<p>Hello!</p> <p>Great to hear from you guys! We used this program when we sold a home over 5 years ago, and only knew about it due to our awesome realtor. I was very happy to hear of it, and still think it is a great 'Washington is awesome' program.</p> <p>My feedback: I thought it really struck the right chord when we used it. An oil tank in the ground was something done 5 decades ago, but not anymore. It is a great way to handle that legacy without putting a damper on selling our wonderful lake home. I encourage to keep the spirit of the program as when we used it. It is not punitive, not meant to make anyone money, it is just to make sure there is a stop-gap <i>should</i> there be an</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p>



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<p>issue. I could see, however, that if it was changed in the wrong way, it would bring out 'ambulance chasers', for lack of a better phrase. We want to protect the ground, not make a bunch of fear/scare mongers government money off of fearful homeowners.</p> <p>And, please, make it still a tool in the realtors' arsenal. Again, had she not told us about it, we would have had no idea. I think it may have actually been 'required' to sell, but, again, it really helped us grease the skids. Good for us, good for the buyer, good for the future.</p>	
<p>What if I sell my home with an oil tank? Can the new owner not get insurance?</p>	<p>If you sell your home, the new owner has 180 calendar days to transfer the heating oil tank registration to their name to maintain the registration. The 180 days is counted from the date of property transfer listed in the county assessor's records. If transfers are not done within 180 calendar days, the registration ends. WAC 374-70-050(3).</p>
<p>Other than the exclusion of any new applicants, in summary what are the legislative changes that are requiring an alteration of the rules applicable to PLIA?</p>	<p>This current rulemaking on Chapter 374-70 WAC will reflect the statutory requirement of ceasing new heating oil tank registrations. Along with this, the proposed rules will cite to the Heating Oil Loan &amp; Grant Program for heating oil tank owners without a registration but who are seeking financial assistance in addressing cleanup of releases from their tank. RCW 70A.330.040(1) and RCW 70A.345.010(2).</p>
<p>Will a written summary be available following the meeting?</p>	<p>Yes, all comments/questions/feedback from these listening sessions on the Heating Oil Insurance Program are transcribed and posted on PLIA's website at <a href="http://www.plia.wa.gov">www.plia.wa.gov</a>. Please allow for five business days following the sessions. The summary will stay posted until PLIA has filed a CR-102 with the proposed rule language changes.</p>



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As a homeowner with present PLIA coverage, do I understand that there are no substantive changes being proposed in the program?	For a homeowner with a current heating oil tank registration, the proposed rule updates may or may not be substantive. There will be changes to the program administration that may affect you if you file a claim. WAC 374-70-080. But if you have a current registration and are not filing a claim, then there is no change to your registration status.
The \$5,000 grant for accepted program participants, would the assessment have to be conducted after being accepted to the program to avail of the grant or can it be reimbursed if the assessment was conducted prior to applying to the program?	(This question relates to the Heating Oil Loan and Grant Program.)  The Loan and Grant Program provides grant awards of up to \$5,000 for each accepted heating oil tank owner applicant. This grant is applied to the assessment of the heating oil tank site and is performed after acceptance. The grant amount is not transferrable or reimbursable.
Is there any feeling how many tanks are covered under the Insurance Program?	According to PLIA's Online Community data system, through May 31, 2022, there are 57,245 heating oil tank registrations in the state.
How many Heating Oil Loan and Grant applications were received this cycle?	In the most recent Heating Oil Loan & Grant Program application cycle, PLIA received 16 completed applications.
What are the details of the \$5,000 grant from the Heating Oil Loan and Grant Program?	Information about the Heating Oil Loan & Grant Program can be found on PLIA's website: <a href="https://plia.wa.gov/heating-oil-loan-and-grant-program/">https://plia.wa.gov/heating-oil-loan-and-grant-program/</a> .
What, in general, are the terms of the loan for the Heating Oil Loan and Grant Program?	Information about the Heating Oil Loan & Grant Program can be found on PLIA's website: <a href="https://plia.wa.gov/heating-oil-loan-and-grant-program/">https://plia.wa.gov/heating-oil-loan-and-grant-program/</a> .



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Do you have to be the current homeowner to see a registration?	PLIA's Online Community allows registration lookup based on owner first and last name and street address.

**Number of attendees at Public Listening Session: 17**