



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: State Board of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-291 WAC, Group B Public Water Systems.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.20.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The current rule has not been revised since 1995. An evaluation of the Group B Public Water System regulatory program concludes that revisions are necessary to more effectively deal with issues being encountered today. The objective is to provide more focused regulation in areas where it is needed to make more efficient use of available resources while at the same time improving public health protection.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Washington State Department of Ecology will be included as an interested party in the process of forming the proposed rule and the decision to adopt the rule.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Collaborative rule making. The State Board of Health will work with the Department of Health to recruit interested parties to help revise the rule.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested parties can participate in forming the proposed rule and the decision to adopt the rule before publication. For more information, contact Theresa Phillips, Office of Drinking Water, P O Box 47822, Olympia, Washington 98504-7822, phone (360) 236-3147, fax (360) 236-2253, email theresa.phillips@doh.wa.gov or Ned Therien, State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4103 or email ned.therien@doh.wa.gov

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