

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Keith Grellner, Board Chair

Subject: Briefing on Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A Public Water Supplies, and Chapter 246-390 WAC, Drinking Water Laboratory Certification and Data Reporting, for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Background and Summary:

In late 2017, the State Board of Health (Board) accepted a rulemaking petition and filed a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, to consider setting a drinking water standard(s) for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A Public Water Supplies. The Board later filed a CR-101 in February 2020 to consider related revisions to chapter 246-390 WAC, Drinking Water Laboratory Certification and Data Reporting.

Staff from the Washington Department of Health have updated the Board on this rulemaking on several occasions including two updates in summer 2018 and updates in November 2019 and August 2020.

Today, Mike Means and Barb Morrissey from the Washington Department of Health will brief the Board on the two rulemaking projects, providing background and summarizing key issues and features of the draft rules. Key features include the recommended regulatory mechanism, chemicals, and numeric levels for the PFAS standards.

There is no formal Board action today. The briefing is informational for Board discussion and feedback to staff prior to filing the CR-102, Proposed Rulemaking, for each of the rules later this summer. A Board hearing on the proposed rules is tentatively scheduled for October 2021.

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