



# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

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## Purpose

The State Board of Health (SBOH) is considering a new standard for PFAS in response to a petition for rulemaking. The State Board of Health (board) is revising the Group A rule (chapter 246-290 WAC) to address concerns about PFAS, contaminants that do not have a maximum contaminant level (MCL). The board and the department are concerned because almost a dozen Group A public water systems and over 200 private wells in five areas of the state are known to have PFAS contamination in their groundwater supplies above EPA and other state’s health advisory levels.

## Recent Issues, Activities, and Next Steps

**Due to COVID-19 impacts this rulemaking has been delayed.**

The Department of Health (DOH) finalized draft rule language for an informal public comment period—including workshops—that began in December 2019 was extended through January 31, 2020.

DOH held an additional round of informal comments and we have updated the draft rule language in response to many of these comments. We updated the [SBOH](#) at its virtual meeting on [August 12, 2020](#). The department intends to brief the SBOH at their June 9, 2021 meeting and to begin the formal public comment period in August 2021.

Activity	Date
SBOH Decision to Consider Rulemaking	October 2017
File CR-101: <a href="#">WSR 18-01-080</a>	December 2017
Update SBOH	June 2018
Update SBOH	August 2018
Draft Rule Language	September 2018 - June 2019
Finalize Draft Rule Language	September 2019
Update SBOH	November 2019
1 <sup>st</sup> Stakeholder Informal Comment Period w/workshops in Spokane, Mount Vernon, and Tacoma	December 2019 – January 31, 2020
Update SBOH	August 2020
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Informal Comment Period	September 1 – 30, 2020
SBOH Briefing	June 2021
File CR-102 Begin Formal Public Comment Period	August 2021
Public Hearing at SBOH	October 2021
File CR-103 Rulemaking Order	Late Fall/ Early Winter 2021
Rule Effective	31 days after rule adoption

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