

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) Chapter 173-443 WAC

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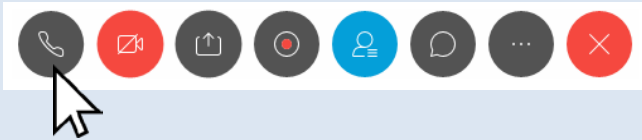
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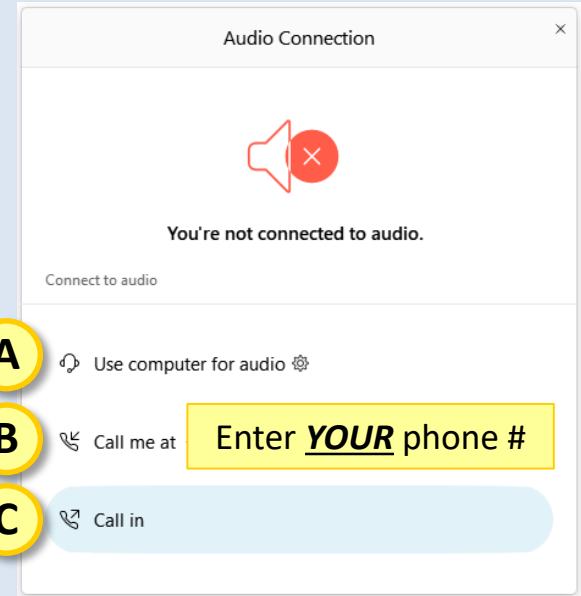
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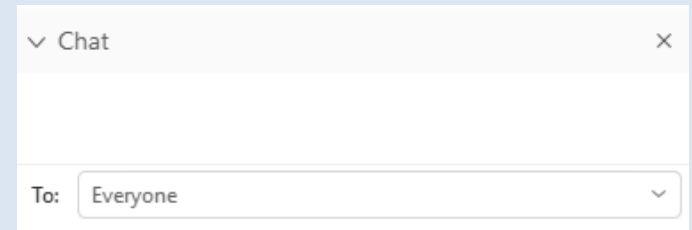
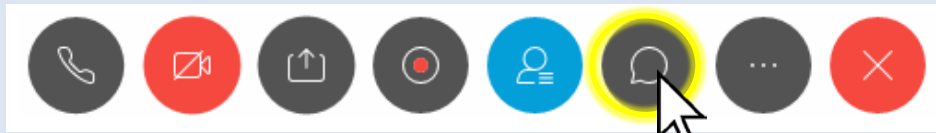
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Public Hearing for Proposed Rule

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Agenda

- Presentation on proposed rule
- Question & answer session
- Short break
- Public comments/testimony
- Wrap up



Rulemaking Overview

- Applies to manufacturers of aerosol propellants, foams, and air conditioning and refrigeration products/equipment
 - Same end-uses covered under EPA SNAP Program Rules 20 and 21
- 2019 WA HFC legislation
 - Defines “manufacturer” as a producer, importer, or distributor of products that contain or use HFCs
 - Establishes phased prohibitions
 - Requires notice to Ecology
 - Requires labeling of products/equipment
 - Authorizes Ecology to modify the rule



Stakeholder Meetings & Involvement

- **Sept. 2019** – discussed required notifications (over 100 participants)
- **Nov. 2019** – discussed manufacturer labeling practices
- **Dec. 2019** – reviewed draft proposed labeling options
- **Jan. 2020** – reviewed draft rule language
- **Jan. – March 2020** – held informal comment period on draft rule



Proposed Rule

- Prohibits products/equipment that contain substitutes prohibited under EPA SNAP Rules 20 and 21
 - Phased prohibitions **Jan. 1, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2024**
- Requires labeling of products/equipment
 - Must disclose the substitute used
 - Manufacturers may choose between options specific to each end-use category
 - Allows up to one year from prohibition date or rule effective date to begin labeling



Proposed Rule (continued)

- Requires notification to Ecology
 - Establishes hierarchy for manufacturer responsibility
 - Initial notification by Dec. 31, 2019 for manufacturers using prohibited substitutes
 - Status update notification within 120 days of applicable prohibition date
- Modifies prohibition date for vending machines
 - Prohibition effective Jan. 1, 2022



Questions & Answers



Short Break

We will begin the formal hearing in
5 minutes.



Formal Hearing in Progress

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Comment on Proposed Rule

Public comment period

- June 16, 2020 – July 28, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Submit comments

- **Online** <http://aq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=g7B9h>

- **U.S. mail**

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Thank you!

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