



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: March 16, 2020

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WSR 20-07-076

Agency: Department of Ecology

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
 Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: On July 30, 2019, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted an emergency rule – Chapter 173-443 WAC Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) – to establish a program to implement and enforce the requirements of Chapters 70.235 and 70.94 RCW (see Chapter 284, Laws of 2019 – Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1112) related to reducing greenhouse gasses by transitioning to the use of less damaging HFCs or suitable substitutes.

Ecology adopted a second emergency rule on November 21, 2019, (WSR 19-24-005) that is effective through March 20, 2020.

This third emergency rule supersedes the one adopted on November 21, 2019, (WSR 19-24-005) and will be effective from March 16 through July 14, 2020. Ecology will continue to adopt emergency rules until the permanent rule goes into effect by the end of 2020. No rule changes were made during this third emergency rulemaking.

The emergency rulemakings established Chapter 173-443 WAC, Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and established the means by which manufacturers, importers, and distributors of various products and equipment containing HFCs submit an initial notification to Ecology by December 31, 2019, and a status update notification within 120 days of when applicable restrictions take effect.

The restriction deadline for the new and existing vending machine end-use category was modified from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2022.

We began a rulemaking process for the permanent adoption of the rule. Please visit our website for information and to participate in the rulemaking process: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC173-443>

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: Chapter 173-443 WAC Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
Repealed:
Amended:
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 284, Laws of 2019 (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1112) Hydrofluorocarbons Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Chapter 70.235 RCW Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions; and Chapter 70.94 RCW Washington Clean Air Act.

Other authority: N/A

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
 That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: Chapter 284, Laws of 2019 (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1112) was signed into law on May 7, 2019. The law amends Chapters 70.235 and 70.94 RCW. It established a deadline of December 31, 2019, for manufacturers, importers, and distributors of various products and equipment containing HFCs to submit initial reports to Ecology. It also sets restriction deadlines for specific end-use categories. This rule establishes the method for providing notice to Ecology by the deadlines

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	___

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>7</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: March 16, 2020

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Title: Director

Signature:

