

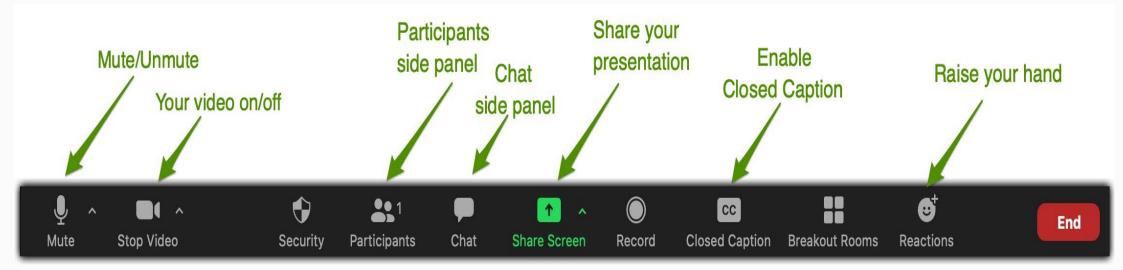


# Proposed Rulemaking for Chapter 173-50 WAC Accreditation of Environmental Laboratories

Laboratory Accreditation Unit, 11/30/2022



# Zoom Navigation and Accessibility

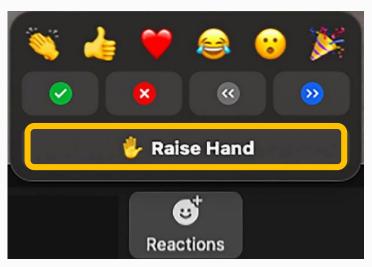


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Need help? Chat with us!



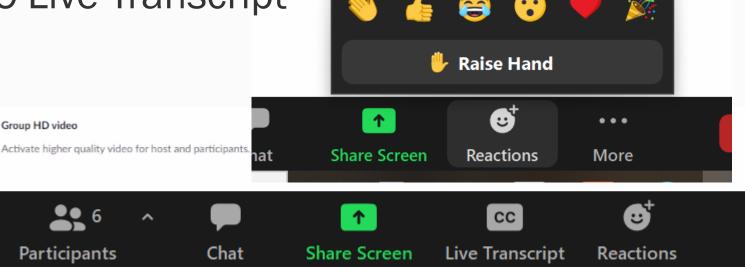
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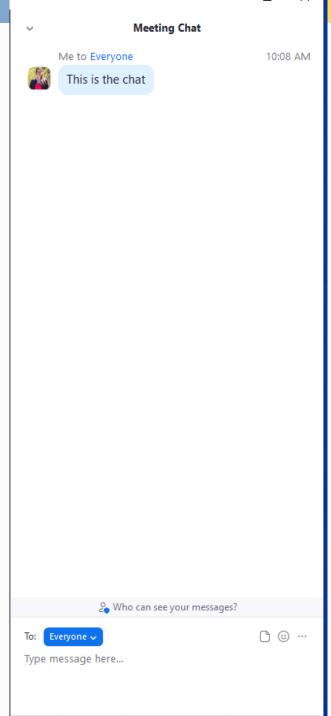
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- Raise hand & Reactions

Group HD video

**Participants** 

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# Rulemaking

What is the Process?





## Rulemaking Process

- 3 Phases
  - Approval/Announcement
  - Proposal
  - Adoption

Process-driven

#### Phase 1b: Announcement Phase

Announcement of Ecology's intent to do rulemaking. (CR-101)



#### Rule Development



#### Phase 2: Proposal Phase

Proposal of rulemaking -rule language is available, starts the comment period, and announces hearings. (CR-102)



#### Phase 3: Adoption Phase

Director adopts rule language – becomes effective 31 days later. (CR-103)



### **Timeline**

We are here.

10/10/2022

Announcement (CR-101) and Website roll-out

11/30/202212/8/202212/14/2022

Stakeholder meetings

January 4-Mid March 2023

Rule review

Late March 2023

Tentative date for Proposal of rule language (CR-102) April and May 2023

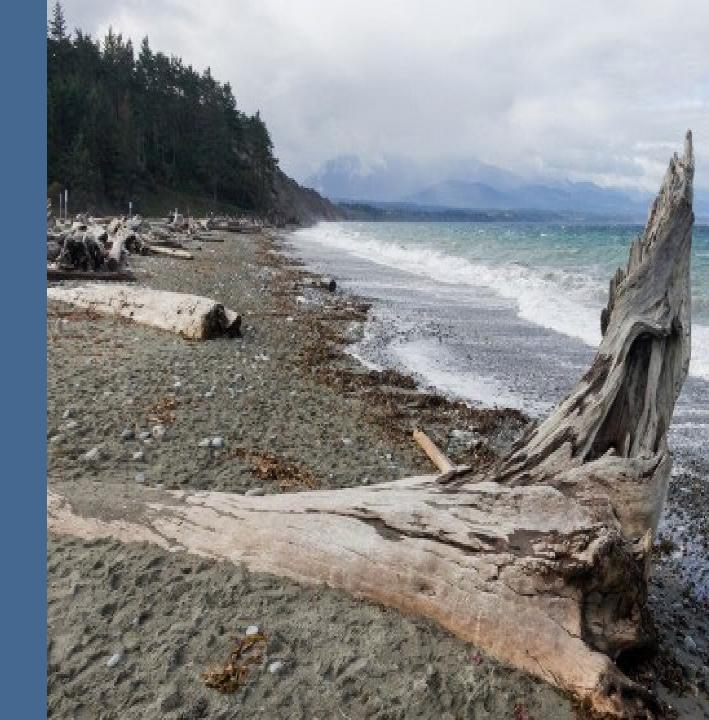
Hold Public and Tribal hearings on proposed rules Late August 2023

Tentative date for Adoption (CR-103)



# Goals

What are we aiming to achieve?





## Changes since previous rulemaking

- Outdated fee structure
  - Last updated in 2010

Added complexity

Novel compounds



### **Customer service improvements**

Improved turn-around times

• Improved capacity for technical assistance

- Increased audit capacity
  - Both virtual and on-site



### **WAC** language improvements

Accommodate Mobile laboratories

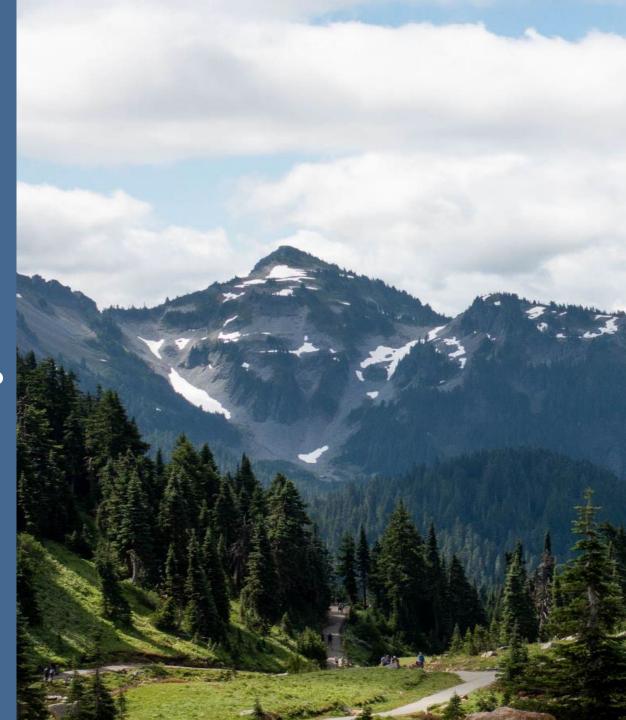
Use of more modern technologies

Protect data integrity and traceability



# Strategies

How do we intend to meet our goals?





## Rule language adjustments

- Addition of new sections such as
  - data traceability
  - quality control practices

- Add clarity to existing sections
  - PTs
  - Onsite audits
  - Definitions



### Fee structure

Aiming for cost neutrality

Address gaps

Initial fee timing

#### **Current Fee Schedule (2010)**

WAC 173-50-190 Effective 9/9/2010

CATEGORY	FEE PER PARAMETER	FEE PER METHOD	MAX FEE PER CATEGORY
General Chemistry	80	_	1,600
Trace Metals	_	400	_
Organics I	_	200	_
Organics II	_	500	_
Microbiology	200	_	_
Radiochemistry	250	_	_
Bioassay	300	_	3,000
Immunoassay	80	_	_
Physical	80	_	_



### Fee structure cont.

Cost neutral LAU staff of 14

- Customer service improvements
  - Improved on-time delivery for accreditation actions
  - Return <u>ALL</u> labs to a triennial audit schedule and follow-ups
  - Greater availability for informal technical assistance

Category	Fee per parameter	Per parameter add fee to existing method	Fee per method
General Chemistry	245		
Trace Metals		60	1,230
Organics I		35	615
Organics II		70	1,540
Microbiology	615		
Radiochemistry	770		
Bioassay	925		
Immunoassay	245		
Physical	245		



# Thank you

Feedback, Suggestions, Questions?