Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)  
Chapter 173-443 WAC

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Public Hearing for Proposed Rule
Melanie Forster
Hearings Officer
July 21, 2020
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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