



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
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Agency: The Department of Ecology AO # 17-01

Subject of possible rule making: Amendment of chapter 173-166 WAC – Emergency Drought Relief

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.83B.420

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The rule enables the Department of Ecology to take timely and expeditious actions to alleviate hardships and reduce burdens on various water users and uses arising from drought conditions. This amendment is needed to eliminate conflict with statutory authority, reflect current practices, improve clarity, and to update agency information.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Federal drought regulations and assistance programs are separate, distinct, and have no bearing on the Washington State drought emergency relief rule.


Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Ecology will follow the standard process for the amendment of rules under the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 34.05 RCW)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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