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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Issue Date: August 9, 2018

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to Chapter 173-303 WAC, Dangerous Waste Regulations. Ecology is required to adopt certain federal hazardous waste rules to maintain its authorization by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and remain consistent with EPA regulations. Ecology is planning to adopt some optional EPA rules in order to provide regulatory relief or make the regulations easier to comply with. The rule changes include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Conditional Exclusions for Solvent-Contaminated Wipes
- 2) Definition of Solid Waste: Revisions to Solid Waste Variances and to the Definition of Legitimacy
- 3) Revisions to the Export Provisions of the Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Rule.
- 4) Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule
- 5) Hazardous Waste Export-Import Revisions
- 6) Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Rule
- 7) Amendments will also include several minor state-initiated technical changes and clarifications and other editorial corrections.

Proponent: *Washington State Department of Ecology*

The Department of Ecology has determined that the proposed amendments will not result in probable significant adverse impacts on the environment for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed amendments will enhance the proper management of dangerous waste. This DNS is not for the purpose of permitting projects with a potential for environmental harm.
- 2) These rules are intended to have a positive pollution prevention effect by ensuring dangerous wastes are properly managed, or to help dangerous waste generators to more effectively comply with the regulations.

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, as provided in the rulemaking documents.

This DNS is issued with a comment period that runs concurrently with the comment period on the underlying proposal to amend the Dangerous Waste Regulations (CR 102). Comments will be taken on this DNS, and on the underlying rule adoption proposal until October 5, 2018.

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