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- 1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use.**

All the changes that were made on this rule incorporate requirements of the federal air quality program. The rule restates the federal program. The principal permit writers of radionuclide permits (more accurately called licenses) are in the Washington Department of Health. Washington Department of Health license writers will use these changes to write air quality as they write permits

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.**

Affected persons are those who apply for a radionuclide license. When applicants contact Washington Department of Health staff, the staff will inform them about these changes and ensure that the new procedures are followed.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule.**

Since the changes deal with procedures for applying for and processing license applications, voluntary compliance is all that we experience. The changes to Chapter 173-480 WAC follow federal practice and are, in most cases, being implemented already.

- 4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted, including to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcome.**

This rule deals with the points of compliance and making sure that the proper terms are used. Success occurs when the applicant receives a permit. No success measures are needed. We are adopting changes to the federal program that, in most cases, are being implemented already.

- 5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.**

A copy of the final rule will be distributed to the Washington Department of Health for distribution to the appropriate staff. We also will distribute copies to the Nuclear Waste Program. The final rule will also be posted on Ecology's web site.

- 6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or Identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.**

None.