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Proposed Amendments to the *Dangerous Waste Regulations* Chapter 173-303WAC

Proposed rule amendments are available for public comment and review. The *Dangerous Waste Regulations* are being amended to provide consistency with the federal hazardous waste rules, and to implement improvements to state-only requirements. These amendments continue the regulatory reform efforts of the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program to streamline the regulation of hazardous wastes in Washington. The changes update the rules, encourage recycling, and reduce duplication while continuing to protect human health and the environment.

The *Dangerous Waste Regulations* combine federal and state-only requirements. This proposal incorporates several federal hazardous waste requirements. A few changes are proposed to improve state-only requirements; most are technical corrections. Two changes to state-only requirements are an antifreeze counting exclusion and modifications that correspond to the draft revised *Chemical Testing Methods for Designating Dangerous Wastes*.

Key changes include:

- ◆ Batteries and mercury-containing thermostats may be managed as "Universal Waste"- they must be sent to a treatment, storage, or disposal facility (TSD), or to a recycler, but do not have to be manifested or counted toward waste generation totals
- ◆ Certain wastes treated or recycled on-site will not have to be counted although they remain subject to regulation- this includes certain residues from wastes that were already counted once and some wastes that are immediately treated or recycled without prior accumulation
- ◆ Federal rules addressing carbamate wastes and coke by-product wastes will be adopted
- ◆ Permit by Rule provisions will conform with federal requirements
- ◆ Antifreeze will not have to be counted or manifested if it is recycled
- ◆ *Chemical Testing Methods* and *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste SW-846* will be updated
- ◆ Draft revised *Chemical Testing Methods for Designating Dangerous Waste* is open for public review and comment until October 2, 1997

State Environmental Policy Act

A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist was prepared for these regulation amendments and a determination of nonsignificance was issued on August 20, 1997.

Public Involvement

Your comments on the proposed rule changes are welcome and will be considered before adoption. Adoption is scheduled for January 8, 1998. You may submit written comments or attend public hearings. Hearings will be held at the following locations beginning at 7 pm:

Spokane

Wednesday- September 10
Public Health Center
1101 W. College Ave.

Pasco

Thursday- September 11
Pasco City Library
1320 West Hopkins

Seattle

Wednesday- September 17
City Council Chamber
600 4th Ave.

To receive a copy of the proposed rule language or the SEPA documents: call Dave Zink at (360) 407-6752, or you may view the proposed rules at the following Internet site: <http://www.wa.gov/ecology/leg/p97-03ab.doc>

Draft *Chemical Testing Methods for Designating Dangerous Waste*

To request a copy of the final draft of *Chemical Testing Methods for Designating Dangerous Waste*, publication #97-407, call Michelle Elling at (360) 407-6704. Copies are limited to one (1) per request, or review *Chemical Testing Methods for Designating Dangerous Waste* on Ecology's Home Page through the Internet at <http://www.wa.gov/ecology>, under What's New in the HWTR icon.

Submit written comments on the draft revised *Chemical Testing Methods* by 5 pm on October 2, 1997 to:

Chemical Testing Methods for Designating Dangerous Waste
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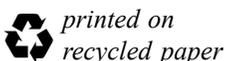
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