

## **Drinking Water Advisory Group**

December 11, 2013

### **Rule-making Updates**

#### **What rule-making activities are in the works?**

- Group B public water systems - chapter 246-291 WAC
- Waterworks operator certification - chapter 246-292 WAC
- Group A public water supplies - chapter 246-290 WAC
- Drinking water lab data reporting - chapter 246-390 WAC
- Rule publications – back by popular demand

#### **Group B public water systems**

- Current rule expires December 31, 2013.
- New rule requirements are effective January 1, 2014.
- Visit our Group B webpages for helpful information:
  - Owner and consumer information.
  - Updates guidance for new or expanding systems.
  - Local health jurisdiction guidance.

#### **Waterworks operator certification**

- We adopted the rule the first week of December.
- New rule requirements are effective sometime in the first week of January.
- Updated guidance will be available in late January.

#### **Group A public water supplies**

- We received approval from the State Board of Health to begin rule making on planning and disinfection requirements.
- The Board directed us to combine these new topics with the current rule making for adopting the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule.
- We will send notice to stakeholders in the next few months about this combined rule making.

#### **Drinking water lab data reporting**

- The goal of this rule is to adopt rule language for data reporting (written and electronic) so that we receive results from drinking water samples in an efficient and timely manner.
- Because our existing data system is in the process of converting to a nationally compatible structure, we have determined that adding electronic reporting to this rule is not possible.
- Once this conversion process is complete, we will develop a data platform and ask laboratories to submit data on a trial basis before we start a new rule making to adopt permanent electronic reporting requirements.

**Rule publications**

- By popular demand, we are bringing back all of our rule publications.
- We have heard from stakeholders that they have a difficult time reading the official Code Reviser's rule publications currently on our Rules webpage.
- It is important to us that our products are easy to access, use and understand.
- We are reformatting and updating the publications, and updates to the Web in the next month or so.

**Where do I find more information?**

Additional information is on the Web at [www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/RegulationandCompliance/Rulemaking.aspx](http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/RegulationandCompliance/Rulemaking.aspx)

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