



# Rule Revision to Begin

## *Federal Groundwater Rule*

### Group A Public Water Systems

### Chapter 246-290 WAC

#### **What is the purpose of this rule revision?**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted the groundwater rule (GWR) on November 8, 2006. Through a formal agreement, EPA gives the Department of Health authority to carry out the public health protections of the Safe Drinking Water Act. To meet our formal agreement, we are revising the Group A rule to adopt the federal GWR. The rule increases public health protection by reducing the risk of viruses and bacteria in drinking water wells. This rule revision will apply to all Group A community and non-community water systems that serve groundwater. Topics to be addressed include:

- Frequency of sanitary surveys.
- New water quality samples at the source.
- New public notification requirements.
- Corrective action requirements.
- Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### **What has been done so far?**

We filed a formal notice with the Washington State Register on December 04, 2007 (WSR# 07-24-072) to begin revising the Group A rule. You can view this document on the Web at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/laws/wsr/2007/24/07-24-072.htm>

#### **What is the rule development timeline?**

We are currently analyzing the GWR and plan to develop a rule adoption schedule in the summer of 2008. Please visit our Web for updates.

#### **Where do I find more information?**

Additional information will be posted throughout this rule revision process on the Web at:

[http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Our\\_Main\\_Pages/regula.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Our_Main_Pages/regula.htm)

#### **How can I get involved?**

Information about upcoming public hearings and other opportunities to comment will be provided to you through mailings, e-mail, in the quarterly newsletter, *Water Tap*, and on our Web. To be placed on the “interested parties” list, please contact:

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