



Workshop Notice

Drinking Water Operating Permits Chapter 246-294 WAC

April 2003

Purpose of rule change

The Department of Health Division of Drinking Water is proposing revisions to the rule for Drinking Water Operating Permits. Chapter 246-294 must be updated to incorporate revisions to Chapter 246-290 WAC. The update also includes a proposal to revise definitions to provide alternatives for systems that lack design approval but are operating at a level of acceptable compliance.

Workshops on the proposed rule will be May 20 and 21, 2003 (see below). There will be a formal comment period beginning in June. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for this August with the rule scheduled to go into effect October 2003.

Who should attend the workshop?

Local health jurisdictions, local community development planning staff, and Group A public water system owners/managers.

Why are they invited?

Local health staff use the operating permit as information in determining the adequacy of water systems in regard to the issuance of local permits i.e., building permits, food service permits, etc.

Local planning staff use the operating permit for information in determining adequacy of water systems in regard to the issuance of building permits, and evaluating development projects such as subdivisions and short subdivisions.

Group A public water systems are required to obtain the operating permit and the new rules may impact the color of permit they receive.

What will be covered?

- Purpose of revising Operating Permit Rule, Chapter 246-294 WAC.
- Specific changes to the rule including the changes to the blue and yellow permit definition, clarifying language, and making the rule more reader friendly.
- How Group A drinking water systems may be impacted.



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What will not be covered?

- **Fees:** There is no proposal to change operating permit fees because the fees are established in statute and it takes legislative action to change them.

Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, May 20

9 a.m. to noon

Best Western Hallmark Inn

3000 Marina Drive

Moses Lake, WA

Call 1-800-235-4255 ext. 102 for driving directions

Wednesday, May 21, 2003

9 a.m. to noon

Jacob Smith House

4500 Intelco Loop SE

Lacey, WA

Call 360-491-0857 for driving directions

For more information

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