



**OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER**  
**Waterworks Operator Certification**  
**Chapter 246-292 WAC**  
**August 2012**

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
File CR101	October 2009	October 13, 2009
DOH internal workgroup draft rule language	January 2011	January 2011
Gather stakeholder and interested parties recommendations	June 2011	June 2011
Finalize draft rule	December 2011	December 2011
Prepare Significant Analysis and Small Business Impact Statement	September 2012	
File CR 102	November 2012	
Public hearing	January 2013	
Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	February 2013	
File CR 103	February 2013	
Rule Effective	March 2013	

**Purpose**

The purpose of this rulemaking is to incorporate statutory changes made in chapter 70.119 RCW, Chapter 221 Laws of 2009, strengthen the Department of Health's (department) authority to take enforcement actions for serious violations, and clarify the department's authority to certify backflow assembly testers and cross-connection control specialists. The department will also consider updating the rules to address operational issues and incorporate long-standing guidelines into the rules.

**Recent Issues and Activities**

Staff have finalized the draft rule text.

**Next Steps**

Staff are preparing the significant analysis and small business economic impact statement.

*For detailed information about the Waterworks Operator Certification rule revision process, please see [http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Our\\_Main\\_Pages/regula.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Our_Main_Pages/regula.htm) or contact Theresa Phillips at (360) 236-3147 or [Theresa.Phillips@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Theresa.Phillips@doh.wa.gov)*