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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Subject: Water Right Permits

Purpose: Water right permits from Ecology are required prior to submittal of plans and specifications to DOH.

Policy

WAC 246-290-130 requires that no new previously unapproved sources or modifications of existing sources be approved by DOH for use as a public water supply, without a water right permit from the Department of Ecology. This requirement ensures that public water systems are not created or expanded without having an adequate and reliable source of supply.

DOH is responsible for approving the design elements of a variety of water utility projects (source development, storage, transmission, distribution, and treatment). Ecology is responsible for issuing water right permits for water supply projects. It is important that there is a coordinated approach between DOH and Ecology in their administration of drinking water responsibilities.

In order to promote a cohesive policy between the two state agencies and give clear direction to individuals interested in or responsible for water system development, DOH has implemented to following policy.

Prior to submittal of drinking water supply projects to DOH for approval, the applicant must determine from Ecology whether a water right permit or change to an existing water right is required. If a new or amended water right is required, the applicant must obtain the water right permit from Ecology prior to submittal of the proposal to DOH for approval.

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