

Summary of Proposed Rule Changes

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - Emergency Loan Program

Chapter 246-296 WAC



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The purpose of this proposal is to set specific requirements for awarding loans to eligible public water systems due to an emergency event. The proposed requirements allow the Department of Health (department) to reduce the standard timeframe to review and approve emergency loans so water systems can quickly recover from an emergency event and restore safe and reliable drinking water service to its customers.

Section Number	Section Title	Proposed Changes
-010	Purpose and scope.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds that the DWSRF will provide loans in response to an emergency.• Establishes requirements for public water systems to receive a loan in response to an emergency.
-020	Definitions, abbreviations, and acronyms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds a new definition for “emergency”.• Updates the definition of “principal forgiveness” to include emergency loans.
-050	DWSRF loan terms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds that the Public Works Board may approve an emergency loan for projects that serve a disadvantaged community and may forgive up to 75% of the principle loan amount.
-070	Eligible projects and project-related costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds that an emergency loan is considered an eligible project.
NEW -105	DWSRF emergency loans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds that the department may award an emergency loan to an eligible public water system, and may waive one or more of the rule requirements.• Adds that an applicant for an emergency loan must submit a completed emergency application package to the department for approval.

For additional information on the proposed rule see our [fact sheet](#) or contact [Theresa Phillips](#) at (360) 236-3147.



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