

Group A Public Water Supplies, chapter 246-290 WAC

Summary of draft changes for informal comment period

Section number and name	Summary of changes
Multiple sections in chapter 246-290	<p>Technical changes only were made in the following sections to make corrections and align with federal regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -001 Purpose and scope • -002 Guidance • -025 Adoption by reference • -030 General administration • -060 Variances, exemptions, and waivers • -105 Small water system management program • -125 Project report and construction document submittal exceptions • -130 Source approval • -200 Design standards • -300 Monitoring requirements • -310 Maximum contaminant levels and maximum residual disinfectant levels • -630 General requirements • -654 Treatment criteria for filtered systems • -660 Filtration • -662 Disinfection for filtered systems • -676 Filtration technology and design criteria • -71001 Public notification • -72001 Purpose and applicability of the consumer confidence report requirements • -72005 Report contents -Information on detected contaminants • -72007 Report contents—Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations • -72012 Regulated contaminants • -810 Water use efficiency program • -990 Water system evaluation and project review and approval fees
WAC 246-290-010 Definitions, abbreviations, and acronyms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical changes to make corrections and align with federal regulations. • New definition of detectable residual disinfectant concentration to clarify the method to determine the detection level. • Revised definition for emergency sources to align with new section WAC 246-290-131 Emergency sources and supplies. • Revised definition for expanding public water systems.

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WAC 246-290-100 Water system plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised triggers for expanding systems to submit water system plans. • Revised timeframe for purveyors to submit updated water system plans from six years to 10 years with the option to choose a shorter timeframe. • Revised water system plan elements to align with the new timeframe for water system plan approvals. • Revised forecasting requirements for some water system plan elements to align with the new timeframe for water system plan approvals. • Clarified conditions and options for submitting plan amendments.
WAC 246-290-108 Consistency with local plans and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised forecasting requirements to align with similar changes made in WAC 246-290-100.
New Section WAC 246-290-131 Emergency sources and supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New requirements for conditions under which an emergency source can be physically connected to the distribution system. • New requirements for the use of trucked water as an emergency water supply.
WAC 246-290-220 Drinking water materials and additives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical changes to align with the federal Lead-Free Act of 2014.
WAC 246-290-415 Operations and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical changes to remove addresses of organizations to ensure that the rule remains accurate.
WAC 246-290-451 Disinfection of drinking water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New requirements for systems that desalinate seawater sources with reverse osmosis. • New criteria for treatment technique and reporting violations. • Revised triggers for continuous disinfection of the source and the distribution system. • Revised monitoring and reporting requirements to provide flexibility to small systems, systems that add disinfectants for purposes other than disinfection, and some systems with multiple wells.
WAC 246-290-453 Treatment techniques for groundwater systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised title to clarify the purpose of the section. • New reporting requirements. • New criteria for reporting violations.
WAC 246-290-638 Analytical requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New requirement to verify instruments used for free and total chlorine residual monitoring in order to align with federal regulations. • Revised qualifications to allow a non-certified operator to conduct distribution system residual disinfectant concentration monitoring. • Technical change in turbidity monitoring requirements to align with federal regulations.