

Rulemaking Timeline

Fluoridation of drinking water

WAC 246-290-460



October 2015

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
State Board of Health decision to consider rule making & File CR-101	May 2011	May 2011
HHS Releases Final Recommendation	November 2012	April 2015
Draft Rule	July 2015	July 2015
Stakeholder Informal Comment Period	August 2015	August 2015
Finalize draft rule	September 2015	September 2015
Begin drafting analyses	November 2015	
File CR-102	January 2016	
Public Hearing	March 2016	
Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	March 2016	
File CR-103	April 2016	
Rule Effective	May 2016	

Purpose

The Board is considering changing the optimal fluoride level in drinking water for those Group A public water systems that fluoridate. This change is based on the final recommendation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Recent Issues and Activities

The Department of Health (department) held an informal comment period on the draft rule in August. The department evaluated comments and finalized the rule language.

Next Steps

The department will begin drafting the analyses. The Board plans to hold a formal public hearing in March 2016.

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