

OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER
Group B Public Water Systems
Chapter 246-291 WAC
May 2012

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
State Board of Health (SBOH) decision to consider rulemaking	April 11, 2007	April 11, 2007
File CR101	July 5, 2007	July 5, 2007
On-going workgroup meetings and stakeholder work	September 2008	September 2008
SBOH briefing	November 2008	November 2008
SBOH briefing following 2009 legislative session	July 2009	July 2009
DOH internal workgroup draft rule language	Ongoing	Ongoing
Gather stakeholder and interested parties recommendations	October 2010	October 2010
SBOH Environmental Committee briefing	May 2011	May 2011
Local Environmental Health Director's Meeting	October 2011	October 2011
Finalize draft rule	December 2011	December 2011
Prepare Significant Analysis and Small Business Impact Statement	Summer 2012	
SBOH briefing	Summer 2012	
File CR 102	Summer 2012	
SBOH public hearing	Fall 2012	
Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	Fall 2012	
File CR 103	Winter 2012	
Effective Date	Early 2013	

Purpose

A CR-101 was filed on July 5, 2007 to consider changes to the Group B water system rules and develop a regulatory framework that addresses budget restrictions while protecting public health. The State Board of Health (the board) is also considering modifying Group B water system design standards and revising water quality standards, including the maximum arsenic contaminant level, to be consistent with Group A water system rules.

Recent Issues and Activities

Staff finalized the draft rule language and are preparing the significant analysis and small business economic impact statement.

Next Steps

Staff will brief the board on June 13, 2012 and request approval to file a CR-102 for a public hearing in October.

For detailed information about the Group B rule revision process and related timelines, please see

http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Our_Main_Pages/regula.htm

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