



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards and Chapter 296-855 WAC, Ethylene Oxide

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, and 49.17.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: WISHA is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to ethylene oxide. This rulemaking is part of our long-term goal to rewrite our safety and health rules. The proposal will move all ethylene oxide requirements from chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards, and place them into a new chapter, 296-855 WAC.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
No other state or federal agencies (other than OSHA) are known to regulate this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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