



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
Chapter 296-859 WAC, Methylene Chloride

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 49.17.010, RCW 49.17.040, RCW 49.17.050, and RCW 49.17.060.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Labor and Industries is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to the methylene chloride rules. This rulemaking is part of our long-term goal to rewrite our general occupational safety and health rules. The department may eliminate unnecessary requirements and outdated terminology. Also, L&I will update references to these rules throughout the rest of Department of Occupational Safety and Health's standards. The proposal will move all methylene chloride requirements from chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards, and place them in a new chapter, 296-859 WAC, Methylene Chloride.

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 Occupational Safety and Health Administration) are known to regulate worker safety and health for this subject.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

The department must adopt rules identical to or at least as effective as Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration /Department of Safety and Health state plan agreement. 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:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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