



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 296-817 WAC, Hearing Loss Prevention (Noise)

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:
RCW 49.17.010, RCW 49.17.040, RCW 49.17.050, RCW 49.17.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:
The department is reviewing language in the Hearing Loss Prevention (Noise) Rule, Chapter 296-817 WAC, to clarify technical requirements, reformat the rule under current agency guidelines, and update language for consistency with industry standards.

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 (OSHA), are known that regulate 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 OSHA rules as required by the OSHA/WISHA 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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