



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: Electrical Rules
Chapter 296-46B WAC, electrical safety standards, administration, and installation.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 19.28 RCW Electricians and Electrical Installations

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

The department is considering amendments to the electrical rules based upon an upcoming review of new safety code requirements from the 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC). The 2014 NEC was adopted by the department on March 1, 2013, to replace the current 2008 NEC standards and will become effective on July 1, 2014. The proposed changes may include amendments to all sections of Chapter 296-46B WAC, excluding the Scope of Work requirements in WAC 296-46B-920. The electrical rules are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the rules are: consistent with the national electrical safety standards, industry practice, to clarify the rules, and for possible housekeeping changes.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None.

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

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

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate, after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process. All rule proposals will be reviewed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Electrical Board.

L&I is seeking input from interested parties to be used in the formulation of the proposed electrical rules for the 2014 revision cycle. Interested parties may submit rule proposals for additions/revisions to the existing rules and new code requirements from 12:01 a.m., October 1, 2013 to 11:59 p.m., October 31, 2013. The department is also appointing a general TAC made up of experts and interested group representatives to review and make recommendations on proposals from the electrical industry. Interested parties may submit an application to become a TAC member and participate in the rules development process from October 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013. For more information on this rulemaking, visit the L&I website at: <http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Electrical/files/currents/elc1308Special.pdf> or contact the individual below. Interested parties can sign up for e-mail updates at: <http://www.lni.wa.gov/Main/Listservs/Electrical.asp>.

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

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