



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 296-307 WAC Safety Standards for Agriculture

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 17.21.010, RCW 15.58.040, RCW 49.17.280, Chapter 34.05 RCW

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

In November 2015 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new requirements for agricultural employers and handler employers in the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. Most of the new federal regulation goes into effect January 2017; with a few requirements going into effect January 2018. EPA standards are designed to reduce the risks of illness or injury resulting from workers' and handlers' occupational exposures to pesticides used in the production of agricultural plants on farms or in nurseries, greenhouses, and forests and also from the accidental exposure of workers and other persons to such pesticides. It requires workplace practices designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to pesticides and establishes procedures for responding to exposure-related emergencies.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The Department of Labor and Industries is coordinating the adoption of these rules with the Department of Agriculture.

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

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

Parties interested in the proposed reformatting and redesign of these rules 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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