



Notice

Rulemaking preproposal for Chapter 173-218 WAC, Underground Injection Control Program

Issue

The Underground Injection Control program's (UIC) goal is to protect groundwater by regulating the disposal of fluids into the ground. Most UIC wells or injection wells are simple devices that allow fluids into the shallow subsurface under the force of gravity; such as wells located along parking lots and roads to manage stormwater runoff. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the federal UIC regulations in 1999. The state rule needs to be updated to become current and reflect those revisions.

The proposed amendment to the rules will include:

- 1) Revising the state UIC rule language to bring it current with the new federal rule changes;
- 2) Bringing consistency between the rules that regulate UIC wells,
Chapter 173-218 WAC Underground Injection Control Program
Chapter 173-216 WAC State Waste Discharge Permit Program
Chapter 173-226 WAC Waste Discharge General Permit Program; and
- 3) Clarifying language in the rules.

The rulemaking preproposal Statement of Inquiry- CR-101 form was filed with the Office of the Code Revisor on November 21, 2001.

Future meetings to discuss the rule changes have not been determined. See the UIC web page, <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/wac173218.html>, for future dates. Notices for meeting dates will also be sent out electronically.

To comment on the preproposal send all comments to

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