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Chapter 173-325 WAC

and

**Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste
Disposal - Site Use Permits**

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Purpose

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides the information in this implementation plan to meet agency and Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.328) requirements related to rule adoptions.

Introduction

On April 4, 2014 Ecology repealed Chapter 173-325 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal (LLRWD), and Chapter 173-326 WAC Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal (CLLRWD) – Site Use Permits (Administrative Order # 13 - 06).

The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with Chapters 173-325 and 173-326 WAC that Ecology no longer has authority to implement these chapters. Authority has been transferred to the Washington State Department of Health. This is the last step in the process to finalize repeal of these rules.

Also included in this plan is contact information for the Department of Health. They can provide more information about the program, which they now administer under Chapters 245-249 and 246-254 WAC.

Implementation and Enforcement

Because the rules are being repealed, rather than adopted, implementation and enforcement does not apply.

The Washington State Department of Health now administers the Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal - Site Use Permit.

Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule

Notification of the repeal of these rules and the reasons why included:

- A letter to Site Use permit holders
- An Rule Adoption Notice published in the *Washington State Register*
- Notice to interested parties through the Nuclear Waste Program website
- A letter to Washington State tribal governments
- Notice to the agency's rule information email list WAC Track

Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance

Because Ecology no longer has authority to implement these rules, promoting and assisting voluntary compliance does not apply.

Evaluating the Rule

Because Ecology no longer has authority to implement these rules, evaluating the rule does not apply.

Training and Informing Agency Staff

Because Ecology no longer has authority to implement these rules, training and informing agency staff is not required.

List of Supporting Documents that May Need to be Written or Revised

There are no supporting documents that need to be written or revised.

More Information

More information on these rules is available by contacting Mike Elsen at the Washington State Department of Health. See contact information below.

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