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Purpose

The Washington State 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 September 29, 2017 Ecology adopted amendments to Chapter 173-334 WAC Children's Safe Products Reporting Rule (AO 16-08).

The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with WAC 173-334 about how we intend to:

- Apply and enforce the amendments.
- Inform those affected by these amendments.
- Train those affected by these amendments how to voluntarily comply.
- Evaluate the amendments.
- Train and inform our staff about the amended rule.

Implementation and Enforcement

Implementing the changes to the rule will be fairly routine. It will take place through:

- Phone calls.
- Emails.
- Webinars led by Ecology staff.
- CSPA web pages.

Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction (HWTR) staff will host several webinars to review the changes to the rule and assist manufacturers with compliance.

HWTR staff routinely work with manufacturers of children's products. These manufacturers must submit required data into the manufacturer's database annually. When reporting violations occur, we work with those manufacturers to increase their understanding of the rules.

Notification

We will notify manufacturers and retailers of children's products through:

- E-mails.
- Listserv announcements.
- Outreach webinars led by HWTR staff.

Assistance with Voluntary Compliance

In the updated rule, manufacturers must submit an annual report to Ecology starting in January 2019 for all CHCCs sold in Washington State.

Our staff has worked with manufacturers and retailers to comply with the reporting requirements for children's products containing CHCCs since the beginning of CSPA rule implementation.

We have been successful through:

- Direct communication.
- Product testing.

We plan to use these same methods to help manufacturers submit their annual report. We expect to achieve 100% compliance.

Evaluating the Rule

We plan to evaluate the rule through:

- Ongoing product testing efforts.
- Follow-up product testing as needed for any products or chemicals requiring further investigation to ensure compliance.

Training Ecology Staff

We have one HTWR staff who implements the CSPA program. No other Ecology staff needs training on the changes.

The Program Management Team of the HWTR Program will be briefed following adoption.

Supporting Documents

We will update the CSPA home page and manufacturer reporting guidance to reflect the rule changes. No other documents are needed.

More Information

- CSPA home page: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-toxic-chemicals/Childrens-Safe-Products-Act>
- Ecology's rulemaking page: <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/rulemaking>

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