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Summary of Rulemaking and Response to Comments

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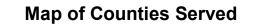
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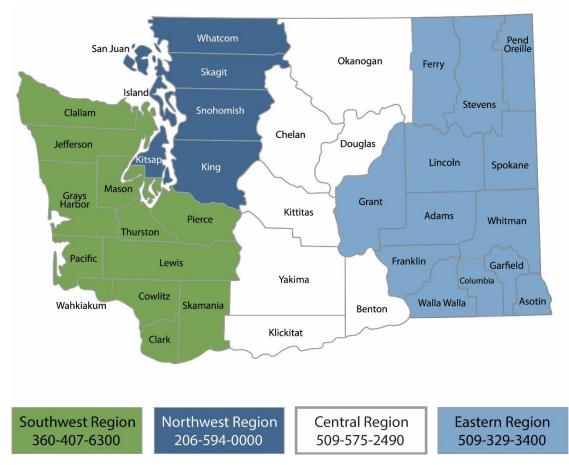
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Introduction

The purpose of a Concise Explanatory Statement is to:

- Meet the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requirements for agencies to prepare a Concise Explanatory Statement (RCW 34.05.325).
- Provide reasons for adopting the rule.
- Describe any differences between the proposed rule and the adopted rule.
- Provide Ecology's response to public comments.

This Concise Explanatory Statement provides information on The Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) rule repeal adoption for:

Title:	Practice and Procedure
WAC Chapter(s):	WAC 173-04
Adopted Repeal date:	June 25, 2021
Effective Repeal date:	July 25, 2021

To see more information related to this rulemaking or other Ecology rulemakings please visit our website: <u>https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Laws-rules-rulemaking</u>.

Reasons for Adopting the Rule Repeal

Ecology is repealing the entire chapter 173-04 WAC, as it is obsolete and no longer useful to implement practices or procedures and the subject is currently governed by more current laws and rule. Ecology regularly reviews our existing rules to examine their content for concistency, clarity, and need to decide if updates are needed. Review of chapter 173-04 WAC – Practice and Procedure indicated that it was no longer needed, as more current laws and rules have replaced this chapter.

Differences Between the Proposed Rule and Adopted Rule

RCW 34.05.325(6)(a)(ii) requires Ecology to describe the differences between the text of the proposed rule as published in the Washington State Register and the text of the rule as adopted, other than editing changes, stating the reasons for the differences.

There are no differences between the proposed rule filed on February 4, 2021 and the adopted rule repeal filed on June 25, 2021.

List of Commenters and Response to Comments

There were no comments received during the public comment period for this rule repeal.