

Agenda Date: June 13, 2001
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Docket: **A-010827**
Revise Title 480 WAC Adoption by reference dates

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Recommendation:

Direct the Secretary to file a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) in Docket A-010827 to consider revising adoption by reference dates and making other minor changes in the transportation related chapters of rules in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Discussion:

On September 24, 1999, in Docket A-980247, the Commission updated adoption by reference dates in Title 480 WAC. It is time to review the versions of the adopted material in effect and consider revising the adoption by reference dates in the transportation related chapters of rules in Title 480 WAC.

In addition to updating the adoption by reference dates, staff would like to continue with clear rule writing directives and review transportation related chapters in Title 480 WAC to correct phone numbers, change incorrect references, add cross references to adopted material, repeal obsolete sections due to legislative changes and create new sections in each chapter that would move the adoption by reference section to the same location in each chapter.

Staff proposes to forgo stakeholder workshops unless requested to do so by the affected industries because the rules was subject to extensive comments and negotiations at the federal level. Staff will notify stakeholders of proposed changes and ask for written comments by mid-July.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the Commissioners direct the secretary to file a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) in Docket A-010827 with the Office of the Code Reviser to consider revising adoption by reference dates and making other minor changes in the transportation related chapters of rules in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code.