



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, AND TOXICOLOGY

**Food Service
Chapter 246-215 WAC
March 2012**

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
Attend national Conference for Food Protection (CFP)	April 2008	April 2008
Brief the SBOH	November 2009	November 2009
Summarize CFP results and develop table of both FDA Food Codes changes since 2001 and other identified possible revisions	December 2009	February 2010
File CR101	January 2010	January 2010
Form core workgroup	January 2010	January 2010
Complete initial core workgroup recommendations	May 2011	July 2011
SBOH EH committee review	July 2011	July 2011
Finalize core workgroup recommendations	August 2011	August 2011
Draft revised rules	August 2011	September 2011
Conduct informal stakeholder review	January 2012	February 2012
Revise draft rules based on stakeholder comments	February 2012	February 2012
SBOH briefing	March 14, 2012	
Prepare rules and required analyses for filing	July 1, 2012	
File CR 102	August 22, 2012	
Last day to submit written comments	September 25, 2012	
Public Hearing	October 10, 2012	
Respond to stakeholder comments	November 2012	
File CR 103	December 2012	
Train Stakeholders on new rule	January 2013	
Rule Effective	May 1, 2013	

Purpose

The purpose of this rule revision is to update chapter 246-215 WAC, Food Service, by incorporating portions of the 2009 FDA Food Code. These updates will provide clear food safety standards that are consistent with national standards.

The State Board of Health (SBOH) is also considering adding a new food safety section for facilities responsible for providing meals for young children such as child care centers and early learning programs. These changes are intended to reduce the current regulatory gaps and overlaps in food safety standards between regulatory agencies.

Recent Issues and Activities

Staff conducted statewide informal public workshops in January and February 2012. Staff reviewed comments and prepared recommendations for SBOH consideration.

Next Steps

Staff will brief the SBOH on the rulemaking process and rule revision recommendations at the March 14, 2012 SBOH meeting.

For detailed information about the Food Service rule revision process, please see the Department of Health website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/food/rule.html> or contact Joe Graham, Food Safety Program, at 360-236-3305 or email Joe.Graham@doh.wa.gov