

Rulemaking Timeline  
**Fluoridation of drinking water**  
**WAC 246-290-460**



January 2015

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
State Board of Health decision to consider rule making & File CR-101	May 2011	May 2011
HHS Releases Final Recommendation	November 2012	April 2015
Draft Rule	July 2015	July 2015
Stakeholder Informal Comment Period	August 2015	August 2015
Finalize draft rule	September 2015	September 2015
Begin drafting analyses	November 2015	November 2015
Briefing at Board Meeting	January 2016	January 2016
File CR-102	January 2016	January 2016
Public Hearing	March 2016	
Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	March 2016	
File CR-103	April 2016	
Rule Effective	May 2016	

**Purpose**

The Board is considering changing the optimal fluoride level in drinking water for those Group A public water systems that fluoridate. This change is based on the final recommendation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Recent Issues and Activities**

The Department of Health (department) briefed the Board on recent activities, shared comments received on the draft rule, and presented information on the draft rule package.

**Next Steps**

The Board will hold a formal public hearing on March 9, 2016.

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