

WASHINGTON STATE 
BOARD OF HEALTH

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

What: Environmental Health Committee

When: May 17, 2021

Participating by GoToMeeting: Board members Keith Grellner, Dr. Bob Lutz and Elisabeth Crawford; Board staff Stuart Glasoe, Kaitlyn Donahoe; Department of Health staff Nina Helpling, Theresa Phillips, Barbara Morrissey, Lauren Jenks, Peter Beaton, Michael Ellsworth, Tami Thompson, Anna Hidle, Todd Phillips, Joe Laxson, Jocelyn Jones, and Mike Means; and approximately four members of the public.

Summary Notes:

June Board Meeting Preparation – Effective Date Extension: Environmental Health and Safety Standards for Primary and Secondary Schools, Chapter 246-366A WAC

- Kaitlyn Donahoe provided a high-level background of the Board’s school environmental health and safety rules, noting that a 2009 budget proviso prevents implementation of these rules. She noted that Board staff periodically review the rules for future updates and highlighted examples, including references to federal rules and guidance, alignment with state legislative action, and considerations related to indoor and outdoor air quality as well as equity and environmental justice. She noted that the Board will consider extending the effective date of the school rules at the June meeting. Chair Grellner, Joe Laxson, and Ms. Donahoe discussed lobbying efforts by stakeholders to remove the budget proviso.

June Board Meeting Preparation – Rules Briefing: Group A Public Water Supplies (PFAS), Chapter 246-290 WAC and Drinking Water Lab Certification (PFAS), Chapter 246-390 WAC

- Stuart Glasoe introduced the topic and presenters Mike Means and Barbara Morrissey. Mr. Means provided an overview of PFAS in Washington, state action on PFAS to date, including draft recommendations from the statewide chemical action plan for PFAS, as well as recent Board rulemaking activities. Ms. Morrissey discussed the approach to setting the values for state action levels (SALs) for the PFAS rulemaking, as well as the actual SALs that will be recommended to the Board during the rules briefing at the June meeting. Mr. Means provided details on requirements of the proposed PFAS rules, as well as related changes to the companion drinking water lab rules. Dr. Lutz asked about how and when the

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Department of Health might require follow-up actions to mitigate high exceedances. Chair Grellner suggested adding a couple standard sentences to each of the technical fact sheets explaining why PFAS is a concern and why the Board is taking action on the rule.

Legislative Session Recap

- Ms. Donahoe provided information on Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1139, Taking action to address lead in drinking water; E2SHB 1152, Supporting measures to create comprehensive public health districts; and E2SHB 1258, Concerning the operation, authorization, and permitting of microenterprise home kitchens. Mr. Glasoe and Joe Laxson provided information on Substitute House Bill 1508, Concerning the sanitary control of shellfish.

Environmental Health Rulemaking Project Updates

- Mr. Glasoe provided an update on rulemaking for WAC 246-203-130, Keeping of Animals. He discussed cost survey activities and potential changes in the rulemaking timeline due to Board meeting planning. Staff estimate completion of rulemaking in late 2021.
- Mr. Glasoe and Peter Beaton provided an update on chapter 246-272A WAC, On-Site Sewage Systems. Mr. Beaton noted that progress is being made to the proposed rules and associated analyses. Staff estimate completion of the rulemaking in early 2022.
- Mr. Beaton and Ms. Donahoe discussed the status of rulemaking for chapters 246-260 and 246-262 WAC, Water Recreation. Ms. Donahoe said that program staff are in the midst of COVID response and associated guidance and have made progress on consolidating the two chapters of rule and making updates as time allows.

Next Steps:

- The Environmental Health Committee will likely next meet in July in advance of the August 2021 Board meeting. Topics for that meeting will be determined later.

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