



Poly- and Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Updated July 2020

Purpose

The State Board of Health (SBOH) is considering a new standard for PFAS in response to a petition for rulemaking.

Recent Issues, Activities, and Next Steps

Due to COVID-19 impacts this rulemaking has been delayed.

The Department of Health (DOH) finalized draft rule language for an informal public comment period—including workshops—that began in December 2019. Requests were made for additional time to comment on the draft and it was extended through January 31, 2020.

DOH has considered the informal comments we received earlier this year and we have updated the draft rule language in response to many of these comments.

We are currently scheduled to update the [SBOH](#) at its virtual meeting on [August 12, 2020](#).

In September 2020, DOH will hold a second informal draft comment period on the changes we’ve made in response to the informal comments we received at the end of January this year.

While difficult to forecast with certainty, the SBOH is currently anticipating holding the formal public comment period, with a public hearing, in spring of 2021—with a tentative adoption date slated for summer 2021.

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Activity	Anticipated Completion Date
SBOH Decision To Consider Rulemaking	October 2017
File CR-101: WSR 18-01-080	December 2017
Update SBOH	June 2018
Update SBOH	August 2018
Draft Rule Language	September 2018 - June 2019
Finalize Draft Rule Language	September 2019
Update SBOH	November 2019
1 st Stakeholder Informal Comment Period w/workshops in Spokane, Mount Vernon, and Tacoma	December 2019 – January 31, 2020
Update SBOH	August 2020
2 nd Stakeholder Informal Comment Period	September 1 – 30, 2020
SBOH Briefing	January 2021
File CR-102 Proposed Rulemaking	Spring 2021
Public Hearing at SBOH	Spring 2021
File CR-103 Rulemaking Order	July 2021
Rule Effective	31 days after rule adoption