

Date: November 18, 2019

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Keith Grellner, Environmental Health Committee Chair

Subject: Update on Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A Public Water Supplies, for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and Consideration of Rulemaking for Chapter 246-390 WAC, Drinking Water Laboratory Certification and Data Reporting

Background and Summary:

In late 2017, the State Board of Health (Board) accepted a rulemaking petition and filed a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, to consider setting a drinking water standard(s) for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A Public Water Supplies.

Staff from the Washington Department of Health updated the Board on the project in summer 2018 and received direction on the preferred regulatory mechanism for PFAS and other unregulated contaminants.

Lauren Jenks, Mike Means, and Barb Morrissey from the Washington Department of Health will update the Board to reset the context of this rulemaking project and to explain ongoing work developing the PFAS standards and other key features of the draft rule. The presentation will also include a recommendation to file a new CR-101 to update related requirements and procedures of chapter 246-390 WAC, Drinking Water Laboratory Certification and Data Reporting.

Recommended Board Actions:

The Board may wish to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

The Board accepts the recommendation to revise chapter 246-390 WAC, Drinking Water Laboratory Certification and Data Reporting, and directs staff to file a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, to initiate rulemaking.

Staff

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