



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (April 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Department of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: The following rule related to Definitions for General Pesticide Rules, WAC 16-228-1010.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 15.58 and RCW 17.21

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:
Since the adoption of the current vertebrate control rule, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has significantly changed the distribution and use requirements for rodenticides. The Pest Control Industry has also changed their practices due to new pests and EPA requirements. Definitions are needed to support the change to the Vertebrate Control Rules WAC 16-228-1380.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
EPA is the federal agency regulating the production, distribution and labeling of Vertebrate Control Pesticides. WSDA is the state lead agency for pesticides. WSDA will review these changes with EPA prior to adoption.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
 Negotiated rule making
 Pilot rule making
 Agency study
 Other (describe) WSDA will develop an advisory committee from key stakeholders. WSDA will work with these stakeholders to discuss the pros and cons associated with possible changes to these rules. At the conclusion of the stakeholder meetings, WSDA will make a final decision to proceed or not proceed further in the rule making process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication: (List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)
Send written comments to:

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