

**WAC 197-11-300 Purpose of this part.** This part provides rules for:

(1) Administering categorical exemptions for proposals that would not have probable significant adverse impacts;

(2) Deciding whether a proposal has a probable significant adverse impact and thus requires an EIS (the threshold determination);

(3) Providing a way to review and mitigate nonexempt proposals through the threshold determination;

(4) Integrating the environmental analysis required by SEPA into early planning to ensure appropriate consideration of SEPA's policies and to eliminate duplication and delay; and

(5) Integrating the environmental analysis required by SEPA into the project review process.

[Statutory Authority: 1995 c 347 (ESHB 1724) and RCW 43.21C.110. WSR 97-21-030 (Order 95-16), § 197-11-300, filed 10/10/97, effective 11/10/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.110. WSR 84-05-020 (Order DE 83-39), § 197-11-300, filed 2/10/84, effective 4/4/84.]