

**WAC 246-290-001 Purpose and scope.** (1) The purpose of this chapter is to define basic regulatory requirements and to protect the health of consumers using public drinking water supplies.

(2) The rules of this chapter are specifically designed to set requirements for:

(a) Adequate design, construction, sampling, management, maintenance, and operation practices; and

(b) Provision of safe and high-quality drinking water in a reliable manner and in a quantity suitable for intended use.

(3) Purveyors shall be responsible for complying with the regulatory requirements of this chapter.

(4) These rules are intended to conform with Public Law 93-523, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and Public Law 99-339, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986, and certain provisions of Public Law 104-182, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996.

(5) The rules set forth are adopted under chapter 43.20 RCW. Other statutes relating to this chapter are:

(a) RCW 43.20B.020, Fees for services—Department of health and department of social and health services;

(b) Chapter 43.70 RCW, Department of health;

(c) Chapter 70.05 RCW, Local health department, boards, officers—Regulations;

(d) Chapter 70A.100 RCW, Public Water System Coordination Act of 1977;

(e) Chapter 70A.120 RCW, Public water supply systems—Operators;

(f) Chapter 70A.125 RCW, Public water systems—Penalties and compliance; and

(g) Chapter 70A.130 RCW, Chemical contaminants and water quality.

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