

**WAC 173-58-010 Introduction.** (1) Authority. Statutory authority for the guidance and direction contained in these procedures is authorized by chapter 70.107 RCW, the Noise Control Act of 1974.

(2) Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to establish standardized procedures for the measurement of sound levels of sources regulated by the department of ecology, including, but not limited to, environmental noise, motor racing vehicles, construction, float planes, railroads, and aircraft engine testing. Vessels, as defined in RCW 88.12.010 (21) and regulated for noise under chapter 88.12 RCW (Regulation of recreational vessels), shall be exempt from chapter 173-58 WAC.

(3) Personnel. For the purposes of enforcement, the measurements shall be conducted only by persons qualified by training in the use of sound measuring equipment and proper site selection.

(4) These regulations will be amended as needed to include any new instrumentation, equipment, or procedures which the department shall deem necessary to accurately measure sound levels for enforcement purposes.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.107 RCW. WSR 94-12-001 (Order 92-41), § 173-58-010, filed 5/18/94, effective 6/18/94; WSR 79-04-033 (Order DE 78-19), § 173-58-010, filed 3/22/79.]