

WAC 25-46-146 Emergency adjudicative proceedings. (1) A respondent who receives a notice of registration denial under WAC 25-46-120 may request an emergency hearing under RCW 34.05.422 and 34.05.479 to contest the findings included in the notice of registration denial by filing an application for emergency adjudicative proceeding. A respondent who does not file an application for emergency adjudicative proceeding may contest the findings included in the notice of registration denial in a regularly scheduled adjudicative hearing.

(2) An application for emergency adjudicative proceeding must be received by the department within seven calendar days of the date of service of the notice of summary suspension. An application for emergency adjudicative proceeding received by the department more than seven calendar days after the date of service of the notice of registration denial shall be deemed an application for full adjudicative proceeding and will be scheduled accordingly.

(3) An application for emergency adjudicative proceeding shall include a written explanation of the applicant's view of registration denial and a copy of any other documents the applicant wishes to have the presiding officer consider.

(4) The presiding officer, in his or her discretion, may provide for telefacsimile or electronic service and filing of documents, using means that are similarly available to all parties, in the notice required in WAC 25-46-140(3).

(5) Upon receiving the notice required in WAC 25-46-140(3), the state archaeologist or the assistant state archaeologist shall immediately transmit to the presiding officer copies of any documents that were considered or relied upon in issuing the notice of summary suspension, in addition to the documents listed in WAC 25-46-140(4).

(6) Within seven business days after receiving an application for emergency adjudicative proceeding, the presiding office shall issue an order that either:

(a) Affirms that the registration denial is necessary to prevent or avoid immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare including property; or

(b) Sets aside the summary suspension as unnecessary to prevent or avoid immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare including property.

No other issue shall be decided in the emergency adjudicative proceeding. The order shall include a brief statement of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and policy reasons for the decision.

(7) The order is effective when signed by the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall promptly notify each party of the decision and serve each party with a copy of the order.

(8) If other issues remain to be decided, or if the respondent requests review of the order, the presiding officer may request that a full adjudicative proceeding be scheduled and that the director designate as presiding officer an administrative law judge assigned by the office of administrative hearings under chapter 34.12 RCW. The request shall summarize the issues that remain to be decided. The director will act as soon as possible on the request. The order issued under this section becomes final unless within seven days of the date of issuance a full adjudicative proceeding is scheduled.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 27.34.220, 27.53.140, 43.21C.120. WSR 06-06-001, § 25-46-146, filed 2/15/06, effective 3/18/06.]