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[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.020 and WAC 197-11-904. WSR 94-24-028, § 250-14-020, filed 11/30/94, effective 12/31/94.]

WAC 250-14-030 SEPA coordination and advisory activities. In order to coordinate and integrate other governmental reviews and approvals with the EIS process, to promote the participation of agencies with jurisdiction or expertise from various levels of government, and to encourage and assist public participation, the board may, as provided in WAC 197-11-410 Expanding scoping, utilize a coordinator or team from inside or outside the agency to serve in an advisory capacity to the board, its staff, and outside consultants retained by the board to assist in the preparation of the EIS.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.020 and WAC 197-11-904. WSR 94-24-028, § 250-14-030, filed 11/30/94, effective 12/31/94.]

WAC 250-14-040 Required methods of public notice. When these rules require notice to be given under WAC 197-11-510, the board shall:

1. Post a notice on the property of a site-specific project;
2. Publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, city, or general area where the proposal is located;
3. Notify the news media and request that the notice be announced;
4. Notify private and public groups with known interest in the proposal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.020 and WAC 197-11-904. WSR 94-24-028, § 250-14-040, filed 11/30/94, effective 12/31/94.]

WAC 250-14-050 Board compliance with flexible thresholds. The board will use the flexible thresholds established by the particular jurisdiction in which an HECB project is located.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.020 and WAC 197-11-904. WSR 94-24-028, § 250-14-050, filed 11/30/94, effective 12/31/94.]

WAC 250-14-060 Use of existing environmental documents. As provided in WAC 197-11-600, the board may use environmental documents that have previously been prepared in order to evaluate proposed actions, alternatives, or environmental impacts. The proposals may be the same as, or different than, those analyzed in the existing documents.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.020 and WAC 197-11-904. WSR 94-24-028, § 250-14-060, filed 11/30/94, effective 12/31/94.]

WAC 250-14-070 Lead agency determination. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the board shall serve as lead agency for all proposals it initiates and for proposals directed by the legislature requiring board action. In the event one or more agencies share in the implementation of a proposal or action of the board, the board and the agencies may by agreement determine which agency will assume the status of lead agency.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.020 and WAC 197-11-904. WSR 94-24-028, § 250-14-070, filed 11/30/94, effective 12/31/94.]

WAC 250-14-080 Designation of responsible official. For the purpose of SEPA, the responsible agency official is:

Associate Director - Resource Planning
Higher Education Coordinating Board
917 Lakeridge Way
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

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