

**WAC 220-600-040 Scope and coverage of this chapter.** (1) It is the intent of the department that compliance with this chapter shall constitute complete procedural compliance with SEPA for all actions as defined in WAC 197-11-704.

(2) This chapter applies to all department actions as defined in WAC 197-11-704.

(3) To the fullest extent possible, the department shall integrate procedures required by this chapter with existing planning and licensing procedures. These procedures should be initiated early, and undertaken in conjunction with other governmental operations to avoid lengthy time delays and unnecessary duplication of effort.

(4) To the fullest extent possible, the department shall:

(a) Prepare environmental documents that are concise, clear, and to the point, and that are supported by evidence that the necessary environmental analyses have been made.

(b) Find ways to make the SEPA process more useful to decision makers and the public.

(c) Reduce unnecessary paperwork and the accumulation of extraneous background data.

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