

**WAC 173-307-010 Purpose.** This chapter implements chapter 70.95C RCW, an act relating to hazardous waste reduction. The act encourages voluntary efforts to redesign industrial, commercial, production, and other processes to result in the reduction or elimination of hazardous waste by-products and to maximize the in-process reuse or reclamation of valuable spent material. The act establishes a legislative policy to encourage reduction in the use of hazardous substances and reduction in the generation of hazardous waste whenever economically and technically practicable. It also adopts, as a policy goal for Washington state, the reduction of hazardous waste generation through hazardous substance use reduction and waste reduction techniques by fifty percent by 1995. Some individual facilities may have the ability to reduce the use of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous wastes by far more than fifty percent while others may not be able to reduce by as much as fifty percent. Therefore, the fifty percent reduction goal is not applied as a regulatory requirement. The plans provided for in this chapter are intended to achieve, for each facility, the greatest reduction economically and technically practicable. The intent of the department of ecology is to provide technical assistance, to the greatest extent possible, to those required to prepare facility plans. The purpose of this chapter is to establish the specific elements that must be included in the documents required of hazardous waste generators and hazardous substance users under the act. The rule also establishes completion dates and implements other requirements in the act. Copies of all rules or statutes cited in this chapter are available from Records Management, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600.

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