

**WAC 16-200-7401 Statement of purpose—Penalty assignment.** For the purpose of fair, uniform determination of penalty as set forth in WAC 16-200-7401 through 16-200-7407, the director hereby declares:

(1) Regulatory action is necessary to deter violations of the Fertilizer Regulation Act and rules adopted under it, and to educate persons about the consequences of such violation(s); and

(2) Any regulatory action taken by the department against any person who violates the provisions of chapter 15.54 RCW and/or rules adopted under it shall be commensurate with the seriousness of the violation under the circumstances; and

(3) Each person shall be treated fairly in accordance with the rules set forth in this chapter and in adherence with the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW).

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 15.54, 34.05 RCW. WSR 03-02-100, § 16-200-7401, filed 1/2/03, effective 2/2/03.]