

WAC 246-250-001 Purpose and scope. (1) The regulations in this chapter establish procedures, criteria, and terms and conditions upon which the department issues licenses for land disposal of low-level radioactive wastes received from other persons. (Applicability of the requirements in this chapter to department licenses for waste disposal facilities in effect on the effective date of this regulation will be determined on a case-by-case basis and implemented through terms and conditions of the license or by orders issued by the department.) The requirements of this chapter are in addition to, and not in substitution for, other applicable requirements of these regulations or other state regulations.

(2) The regulations in this chapter do not apply to disposal of tailings or wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of uranium or thorium from any ore where the tailings or wastes result in quantities greater than 10,000 kilograms and containing more than 185 mega becquerels (five millicuries) of radium 226, or disposal of waste provided in WAC 246-221-070, 246-221-190, or 246-221-200.

(3) This chapter establishes procedural requirements and performance objectives applicable to any method of land disposal. It establishes specific technical requirements for near-surface disposal of radioactive waste which involves disposal in the uppermost portion of the earth, approximately 30 meters. Near-surface disposal includes disposal in engineered facilities which may be built totally or partially above-grade provided that such facilities have protective earthen covers. Near-surface disposal does not include disposal facilities which are partially or fully above-grade with no protective earthen cover, which are referred to as "above-ground disposal." Burial deeper than 30 meters may also be satisfactory. Technical requirements for alternative methods may be added in the future.

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