STYLE AND FORMAT OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE REGISTER

1. ARRANGEMENT OF THE REGISTER

The Register is arranged in the following eight sections:

(a) **PREPROPOSAL-**includes the preproposal statement of inquiry that will be used to solicit public comments on a general area of proposed rule making before the agency files a formal notice.

(b) **PROPOSED-**includes the full text of formal proposals, continuances, supplemental notices, and withdrawals.

(c) **EXPEDITED RULE MAKING-**includes the full text of the rule being proposed using the expedited rule-making process. Expedited rule makings are not consistently filed and may not appear in every issue of the Register.

(d) **PERMANENT-**includes the full text of permanently adopted rules.

(e) **EMERGENCY-**includes the full text of emergency rules and rescissions.

(f) **MISCELLANEOUS-**includes notice of public meetings of state agencies, rules coordinator and public records officer notifications, summaries of attorney general opinions, executive orders and emergency declarations of the governor, rules of the state supreme court, and other miscellaneous documents filed with the code reviser's office under RCW 34.08.020 and 42.30.075.

(g) **TABLE-**includes a cumulative table of the WAC sections that are affected in the current year.

(h) **INDEX-**includes a cumulative index of Register Issues 01 through 24 for the current year.

Documents are arranged within each section of the Register according to the order in which they are filed in the code reviser's office during the pertinent filing period. Each filing is listed under the agency name and then describes the subject matter, type of filing, and the WSR number. The three part number in the heading distinctively identifies each document, and the last part of the number indicates the filing sequence within an issue's material.

2. PRINTING STYLE--INDICATION OF NEW OR DELETED MATERIAL

RCW 34.05.395 requires the use of certain marks to indicate amendments to existing agency rules. This style quickly and graphically portrays the current changes to existing rules as follows:

(a) In amendatory sections—

(i) underlined material is new material;

(ii) deleted material is ((~~lined out between double parentheses~~));

(b) Complete new sections are prefaced by the heading NEW SECTION;

(c) The repeal of an entire section is shown by listing its WAC section number and caption under the heading REPEALER.

3. MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL NOT FILED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

Material contained in the Register other than rule-making actions taken under the APA (chapter 34.05 RCW) does not necessarily conform to the style and format conventions described above. The headings of these other types of material have been edited for uniformity of style; otherwise the items are shown as nearly as possible in the form submitted to the code reviser's office.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES

(a) Permanently adopted agency rules normally take effect 31 days after the rules and the agency order adopting them are filed with the code reviser's office. This effective date may be delayed or advanced and such an effective date will be noted in the promulgation statement preceding the text of the rule.

(b) Emergency rules take effect upon filing with the code reviser's office unless a later date is provided by the agency. They remain effective for a maximum of 120 days from the date of filing.

(c) Rules of the state supreme court generally contain an effective date clause in the order adopting the rules.

5. EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS

Material inserted by the code reviser's office for purposes of clarification or correction or to show the source or history of a document is enclosed in [brackets].