

WSR 23-06-068
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Safety standards for firefighters. WAC 296-305-03002 Hazardous material and 296-305-04001 Respiratory protective equipment.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of labor and industries (L&I) is considering rule making for WAC 296-305-03002 Hazardous materials, after receiving a rule petition. As requested in the petition, the rule making will consider updating rule language about the appropriate selection of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) ensembles and using the statement of standard for NIOSH CBRN SCBA testing. L&I will also consider updating WAC 296-305-04001 Respiratory equipment protection, which has guidance for breathing air quality for firefighters. The reference to ANSI/CGA G6-1 Commodity Specification for Air, needs to be updated to fix a typo in the standard number.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Parties interested in the formulation of these rules may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tari Enos, L&I, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, P.O. Box 44620, Olympia, WA 98504-4620, phone 360-902-5541, fax 360-902-5619, email Tari.Enos@Lni.wa.gov.

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