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**POLICY STATEMENT**
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
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This memo serves as notice that the department of health (department) is rescinding a policy statement titled "Penalty Settlement," filed March 5, 1997, and published in WSR 97-06-109.

This policy statement outlined steps for issuing a civil penalty. The department is rescinding this policy due to the adoption of enforcement sections in chapter 246-290 WAC concerning Group A public water systems and chapter 246-291 WAC concerning Group B public water systems. Consequently, this policy is no longer necessary.

Individuals requiring additional information on this should contact Mike Means, water quality, policy, and certification manager for the office of drinking water, at mike.means@doh.wa.gov.

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