



## DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal:

The proposal is to revise *Chapter 173-308 WAC, Biosolids Management* (the state biosolids rule). The proposed revised state biosolids rule will be the primary regulatory document for biosolids management in the state. The proposed revised state biosolids rule establishes requirements, standards, management practices, and monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are applicable when biosolids are applied to the land and when sewage sludge is disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill unit. Numerous revisions are being proposed to the existing rule. In all cases where changes are being proposed that may have an impact on the environment, a higher standard is being imposed. Thus, the proposed revised state biosolids rule is more stringent with respect to the potential impact on the environment than the current rule.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Ecology.

Location of Proposal:

The revised state biosolids rule will be effective statewide. Currently approximately 375 facilities across the state are subject to the regulation.

Lead Agency:

Washington State Department of Ecology.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed *Environmental Checklist* and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Nonsignificance is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until March 09, 2007. Comments must be submitted by March 08, 2007.

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