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**WAC 173-350- REVISING  
WASHINGTON'S SOLID WASTE RULE**

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# Revising the Solid Waste Rule

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# Brief Process Overview

# Basic Process

- We tell you we are thinking about a rulemaking
- We formally propose a revised rule
- You formally comment
- We evaluate your comments
- We adopt the rule (or not)



# Our Process for this Rule

- We told you we were thinking about doing something (2013)
- **We formed advisory committees (2014)**
- **Staff and committee members spent two years working together**
- **We shared on the web and through our ListServ**
- **We put together informal workshops (2016)**
- **We will look at feedback (2016)**
- Formal proposal planned (late 2016)
- Formal public hearings (early 2017)
- Adopt the rule (or not) (mid 2017 or before)



Revising the Solid Waste Rule

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS  
IMPORTANT!**

# Outcomes of the informal process may include:

- Changes to the rule
- Responsiveness summary
- A formal proposal with hearings





# Mile-high Overview

# Current Rule

29 sections

26 open for revision

- Not open: 220, 225, and 250 regarding organics



# Repealing

990 – Criteria for inert waste



# Two Sections Renamed

## 210

“Recycling” becomes...

*“Recycling and material recovery facilities”*

## 310

“Intermediate solid waste handling facilities”  
becomes...

*“Transfer stations and drop box facilities”*



# Adding five sections

*All of which will be addressed by staff today*

110 - Determination of Solid Waste

235 - Soil and Sediment Criteria and Use

355 - Waste Tire Transportation

405 - Hybrid Waste Landfills

995 – Soil and Sediment Screening Levels





Much ado about moving  
things (sort of)

# 020 – Applicability

If it's solid waste, then the options are “permit” or “no permit.”

- Not applicable
- Applicable
  - Conditionally Exempt



# Examples of things that moved from 020 - Applicability

Drop boxes used solely for  
collecting recyclable materials

- Exemption moved from 020 to 310

Manures and crop residues returned  
to the soils at agronomic rates

- Moved from 020 to 230



# Examples of things added to 020

New – Steel slag from an electric arc furnace

- Added to 020 following 2016 legislation

Exemption for commercial fertilizer

- Moved from 230 to 020



# Use of Tables

Tables now used to show conditions for permit exemptions



# Plans of Operation

- The requirements for plans of operation have been moved to operating standards
  - Improve consistency
  - A complete plan is crucial to assessing compliance and approving permits





# Effective Dates

# Facilities with new solid waste handling units

Comply by the effective date of the applicable regulation.



# Existing facilities with permits (each unit)

- 18 to 24 months to comply
- 12 months to submit a revised application if facility upgrades are needed to comply



# Existing facilities currently qualifying for exemption or previously not regulated under solid waste rules

- Meet any new terms for exemption within 12 months
- Submit permit application within 12 months

