

WAC 197-11-970 Determination of nonsignificance (DNS).

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Rule adoption: Chapter 463-85 WAC, Greenhouse Gases Emissions Performance Standard and Sequestration Plans and Programs for Baseload Electric Generating Facilities and Chapter 463-80 WAC Carbon Dioxide Mitigation Program for Fossil-fueled Thermal Electric Generating Facilities. The proposed rules implement a greenhouse gases emissions performance standard for baseload electric generation of 1,100 pounds per megawatt-hour under the jurisdiction of the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council as directed in Chapter 80.80 RCW; and sets carbon dioxide mitigation requirements at twenty percent of total carbon dioxide emissions by allowing three types of methods for mitigation, and sets criteria for establishing and maintaining a list of Qualified Organizations that could implement carbon dioxide mitigation projects under Chapter 80.70 RCW.

Proponent: Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Not applicable. The proposed rule applies statewide.

Lead agency: Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

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.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. **Comments must be submitted by April 18, 2008.**

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