



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

**CR-102 (June 2024)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.320)**  
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WSR 25-09-052

**Agency:** Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuance of WSR 24-20-147

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_ ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR 24-15-134; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) Title 463 WAC Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

**Hearing location(s):**

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:

**Date of intended adoption:** April 16, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

**Submit written comments to:**

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 Other

Beginning (date and time) October 2, 2024, 8:00am  
 By (date and time) April 16, 2025, 5:00pm

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:**

Contact Ali Smith  
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 Other  
 By (date) \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The proposed changes are to bring out-of-date items in 24 of the 26 chapters in Title 463 WAC into alignment with current statutes, rules, and EFSEC's internal operations, including updates to EFSEC's address, corrections to statutory and regulatory references due to changes (e.g., E2SHB 1812 that created EFSEC as independent agency), and style changes per the Code Reviser's Office style guide. None of the changes are substantive.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** In many cases, the rules have not changed since inception in the 1970s or even since 2004. In that time, EFSEC has moved, and the use of email and websites have come into modern use. Additionally, EFSEC's own statute has changed significantly in some parts, the Public Records Act was recodified, and other statutes, such as the Environmental Health Law Reorganization Act-SHB2246, were adopted. The rules correct information and references in order to make them simpler for users to navigate.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 80.50.040(1)

**Statute being implemented:** Chapter 80.50 RCW Energy Facility – Site Location Act

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Federal Law?            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

If yes, CITATION:

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** N/A

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

**Type of proponent:**  Private.  Public.  Governmental.

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

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**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)?**  Yes  No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- TTY
- Email
- Other

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?**

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- TTY
- Email
- Other

No: Please explain: The proposed rule changes clarify items and begin to bring EFSEC into alignment with current day. The proposed rules do not pose any additional costs or changes in cost structures beyond what exists in statute.

**Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement**

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

**(1) Identification of exemptions:**

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(b)<br>(Internal government operations) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(e)<br>(Dictated by statute)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(c)<br>(Incorporation by reference)     | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(f)<br>(Set or adjust fees)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(d)<br>(Correct or clarify language)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">RCW 34.05.310</a> (4)(g)<br>(i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

**(2) Scope of exemptions:** *Check one.*

- The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
- The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):
- The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

**(3) Small business economic impact statement:** *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name  
Address  
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Other

**Date:** April 10, 2025

**Name:** Sonia Bumpus

**Title:** Executive Director

**Signature:**

