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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE ADOPTION OF
Chapter 173-350 WAC, Solid Waste Handling Standards

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- 1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use (RCW 34.05.328(3)(a)).**

There will be no increase in workload at both the regional and headquarters staff level because of the rule change. Existing resources will be used to educate the regulated community on the adopted definitional changes. The regulated community will be informed that this rule amendment is an interim step toward determining final definitions for clean and contaminated soils and dredged material.

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule (RCW 34.05.328(3)(b)).**

The agency intends educate affected persons through mail outs and FOCUS sheets to inform them of the rule definitional changes.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule (RCW 34.05.328(3)(c)).**

Voluntary compliance will be promoted in several ways; some are incorporated into the statute and rule while others result from assistance provided by ecology and the local health departments statewide.

While implementation of the rule amendment relies primarily on voluntary compliance, local health departments and/or ecology will continue to maintain inspection and enforcement authorities to ensure compliance when necessary.

- 4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted, including to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcome (RCW 34.05.328(3)(d)).**

This is an interim rule amendment, therefore, the agency does not intend to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted. When the final rule amendment is adopted, interim milestones with measurable outcomes will be included in the implementation plan.

- 5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.**

The amended rule language was the rule language used in the prior rule (WAC 173-304) to address proper handling of soils and dredged materials. Ecology technical staff will be offered training through the Facilities Roundtable, an internal job alike group that meets

periodically to discuss technical issues and make recommendations to management to address specific issues.

6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or Identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.

No new documents need to be developed. Existing guidance materials will be revised to reflect the definitional changes created by this amendment to the rule.