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## **Implementation Plan for Chapter 173-180-025; 173-184-025; 173-182-030; 173-183-100; 173-183-320; 317-05-020**

- 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.**

This is an administrative change to make current language be consistent with law. A website has been created and focus sheets will be developed to inform all stakeholders and general public of the changes. Enforcement will continue under the mechanisms that currently exist in the rule.

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.**

A dedicated website was created to outline rule process regarding amendment of these rules ([www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/main.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/main.html)). A rule adoption notice will be sent to all affected parties. Updates will also be made to informational sheets and support documentation provided to the regulated community.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule.**

Compliance is already in place with current rules.

- 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.**

This is an administrative change to make current language be consistent with law. We will evaluate whether or not the regulated community is complying with the new definition of oil as well as following the requirements in current law rather than the appealed language.

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

Guidance documents will be used to inform staff of these changes. Several focus sheets will be developed to assist staff in outreach efforts.

- 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.**

Changes to the penalty assessment guidance document will be made. All rules affected by the amendment will be changed completely or will reference the changes.