

**WAC 173-157-010 What is the purpose of this rule?** The purpose of this rule is to establish the standards for review of applications for underground artificial storage and recovery projects and, when necessary, to identify options for mitigation of potential adverse impacts to groundwater quality or the environment. The rule also outlines the process the department of ecology will use to evaluate applications and issue permits to artificially store water in underground geological formations and subsequently recover it for beneficial use.

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