WAC 296-62-005  Occupational health and environmental control—
Foreword.  (1) Foreword.

(a) Modern industry is changing at an ever-increasing pace. New
inventions, discoveries and developments cause changes in every facet
of the industrial process. In keeping with this changing technology is
the necessity to provide an adequate guide for the protection of work-
ing men and women. This chapter is for the guidance of both labor and
management and to call particular attention to the way in which mod-
ernization and updating of the standards can be accomplished.

(b) This chapter is intended to cover as fully as is practical
the environment in which work is performed. In addition to the sugges-
tions made herein, the services of modern occupational medicine must
also be considered. Occupational medicine with its specialized techni-
ques for examination, diagnosis, and treatment adds another protection
for the worker as he encounters newly-developed materials and methods.

(c) With the full realization that close cooperation between gov-
ernment and industry, labor and management, and all the health scienc-
es, is essential, this chapter is promulgated for the health of all
the workmen coming under the jurisdiction of the department of labor
and industries.

(d) This chapter is promulgated in accordance with the applicable
requirements as outlined in the Washington State Administrative Proce-
dure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) and other applicable statutes.

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