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Brief Description: Regarding irrigation district conveyance and drainage facilities.

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Requires that rules adopted by the department under RCW 90.48.260 that may impact a federal reclamation project constructed by the United States in accordance with state and federal law shall be consistent with authorized project purposes and shall not impair authorized project contracts or interfere with the construction, operation, or maintenance of project facilities.

The department shall, cooperatively with the United States bureau of reclamation and federal reclamation project irrigation districts, adopt water quality classifications for agriculture and warm water fisheries, adopt rules that consider and reflect the use of constructed storage and conveyance facilities and other water transport systems used for authorized project purposes, and adopt rules that consider and reflect the unique site-specific characteristics of the arid and semiarid regions of the state of Washington where federal reclamation projects are located.