

**WAC 197-11-500 Purpose of this part.** This part provides rules for:

- (1) Notice and public availability of environmental documents, especially environmental impact statements;
- (2) Consultation and comment by agencies and members of the public on environmental documents;
- (3) Public hearings and meetings; and
- (4) Lead agency response to comments and preparation of final environmental impact statements. Review, comment, and responsiveness to comments on a draft EIS are the focal point of the act's commenting process because the DEIS is developed as a result of scoping and serves as the basis for the final statement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21C.110. WSR 84-05-020 (Order DE 83-39), § 197-11-500, filed 2/10/84, effective 4/4/84.]