the injection of fluids through wells which is regulated by underground injection control program, chapter 173-218 WAC.

(2) Permits issued under this chapter are designed to satisfy the requirement for discharge permits under the Water Pollution Control Act, chapter 90.48 RCW and to implement applicable pretreatment standards under section 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1241 et seq.).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order DE 83-29, filed 11/18/83)

WAC 173-216-020 POLICY ENUNCIATED. (1) It shall be the policy of the department in carrying out the requirements of this chapter, to maintain the highest possible standards to ensure the purity of all waters of the state and to require the use of all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control the discharge of wastes into the waters of the state. Notwithstanding that standards of quality established for the waters of the state would not be violated, wastes and other materials shall not be allowed to enter such waters which will reduce the existing quality thereof, except in those situations where it is clear that overriding considerations of public interest will be served.

(2) Consistent with this policy, the disposal of waste materials from industrial, commercial, or municipal sources into wells will not be authorized by the department ((~~excepting in the most extraordinary circumstances. Under the extraordinary circumstance when an application for a permit is approved, the department shall include terms and conditions which shall require the use of all known, available, and reasonable methods to prevent and control waste discharges, to preserve beneficial uses of ground and surface waters, and to protect the public's health and welfare~~)).

(3) Consistent with this policy, the discharge of waste materials into municipal sewerage systems which would interfere with, pass through, or otherwise be incompatible with such systems or which would contaminate the sludge will not be permitted.

(4) Consistent with this policy, the department will act to prevent the disposal of wastes that present a risk to human health, including the potential, chronic effects of lifetime exposure to waste materials.

WSR 84-06-024
ADOPTED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
[Order 84-2—Filed February 29, 1984—Eff. July 1, 1984]

I, Sam Kinville, director of the Department of Labor and Industries, do promulgate and adopt at the Department of Labor and Industries Offices, General Administration Building, Olympia, Washington, the annexed rules relating to rules applicable to the administration of retrospective rating plans and group insurance plans (chapter 296-17 WAC) for workers' compensation insurance underwritten by the Department of Labor and Industries and offered to employers on an optional basis. Basic premium ratios, loss conversion factors, size group tables, contractual agreements for employer group plans, surety bond policies and clarification of rules are set forth. Proposed rules affect the coverage period beginning July 1, 1984, and ending June 30, 1985.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. WSR 84-02-060 filed with code revisor on January 4, 1984. These rules shall take effect at a later date, such date being July 1, 1984.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW 51.16.035 and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

The undersigned hereby declares that the agency has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW) in the adoption of these rules.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED February 29, 1984.

By Sam Kinville
Director

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 81-02, filed 1/30/81)

WAC 296-17-905 DIVIDENDS. Periodically, the department shall determine the total liability existing against the accident fund. If, after such determination, the department finds the accident fund, aside from the reserves deemed actuarially necessary according to recognized insurance principles, contains a surplus, the director, in his/her discretion may declare a dividend to be paid to, or credited to the accounts of, employers who were insured with the department during all or part of the period for which the dividend is declared, according to a uniform formula to be promulgated by the department. Any dividends so declared shall give due consideration to the solvency of the accident fund, not be unfairly discriminatory, and not be promised in advance of such declaration. An employer in default when the dividend is declared shall not be eligible to receive payment as provided by this section but credit will be made towards reducing the employer's obligation to the department.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 82-5, filed 2/10/82)

WAC 296-17-910 QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYER GROUPS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. The department may insure the workers' compensation obligations of employers as a group, provided the following conditions are met:

(1) All the employers in the group are members of an organization that has been in existence for at least two years.

(2) The organization was formed for a purpose other than that of obtaining workers' compensation coverage.

(3) The business of the employers in the organization is substantially similar, taking into consideration the nature of the work being performed by workers of such employers such that the group comprises substantially homogeneous risks.

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