PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT
OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (August 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-67 WAC, Safety Standards for Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is proposing rulemaking to amend existing sections and create several new sections in Chapter 296-67 WAC that will only apply to petrochemical refining facilities. The current rules are outdated, not having been updated in over 20 years and do not reflect current industry practices.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Risk Management Program regulations also apply to petroleum refineries. The EPA’s rules will not be impacted by this rulemaking.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe) Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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