

**WAC 173-173-015 What are the goals of this rule?** (1) The department seeks to ensure the reliable, accurate measurement of state water that is diverted, withdrawn, stored and used so that sound decisions may be made in administering state water laws and regulations.

(2) The department has the following specific goals for the enforcement of water measurement and the reporting of measurement data:

- (a) Determining whether water is available for appropriation;
- (b) Assessing and enforcing water rights compliance;
- (c) Understanding the hydrology of surface and groundwaters;
- (d) Protecting instream resources;
- (e) Managing and planning the state's watersheds;
- (f) Informing water users about how much and when water is used.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 90.03.360, 90.44.050, [90.44.]250, [90.44.]450 and chapter 43.21A RCW. WSR 02-02-017 (Order 00-01), § 173-173-015, filed 12/21/01, effective 1/21/02.]