

**WAC 296-820-835 Exposure controls.** (1) Where the current PM<sub>2.5</sub> is 20.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (AQI 69) or more, the employer is encouraged to implement exposure controls.

(2) Where the current PM<sub>2.5</sub> is 35.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (AQI 101) or more, the employer must implement effective exposure controls whenever feasible.

(3) Such controls include, but are not limited to:

(a) Providing enclosed buildings, structures, or vehicles where the air is adequately filtered;

(b) Providing portable HEPA filters in enclosed areas;

(c) Relocating work to a location with a lower ambient air concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub>;

(d) Changing work schedules to a time with a lower ambient air concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub>;

(e) Avoiding or reducing work that creates additional exposures to dust, fumes, or smoke;

(f) Reducing work intensity; and

(g) Providing additional rest periods.

(4) WAC 296-820-835 is not required during emergency response.

Note: Exposure controls may be implemented to the extent that the work is no longer covered by the scope of this rule as listed in WAC 296-820-805 (1) or (2).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 24-01-070, § 296-820-835, filed 12/14/23, effective 1/15/24.]