

Amendment 2: Department expertise in Director's Rules

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Section 25.05.035 B would allow the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to draft Director's Rules to provide uniform standards for the analysis of the elements of the environment subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This amendment would direct SDCI to work with other departments with expertise in drafting such rules.

Amend Section 25.05.035 B to direct SDCI to work with other agencies with expertise in drafting Director's Rules, as follows:

25.05.035 Rules and departmental procedures ((7))

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B. The Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) is authorized to promulgate rules pursuant to Chapter 3.02 to provide uniform standards for the analysis of the elements of the environment contained in Section 25.05.444. **For elements of the environment where another city department or departments have subject matter expertise, SDCI shall consult with the relevant department and the Director shall issue a joint Director's Rule with the Director of such department, as appropriate.** All City departments and any applicants seeking City approval shall follow such rules to analyze environmental impacts of project and nonproject actions. The rules may have different standards for nonproject and project actions and for environmental checklists and environmental impact statements. All such rules shall be consistent with this Chapter 25.05, WAC 197-11, and SEPA and shall be kept on file at the SEPA Public Information Center.