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## ARTICLE 1

### Policy, Purpose and Applicability

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[Statutory Authority: RCW 70A.15.2510]

#### **Section 1.01 Name of the Agency**

The name of this Air Pollution Control Agency is the Benton Clean Air Agency, referred to as the Agency.

#### **Section 1.02 Policy and Purpose**

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70A.15.1005, RCW 70A.15.1520, and RCW 70A.15.2040]

- A. The public policy of the Agency under chapter 70A.15 RCW is to:
1. Provide for the systematic control of air pollution from air contaminant sources within Benton County and for the proper development of the county's natural resources.
  2. Secure and maintain such levels of air quality that protect human health and safety, including the most sensitive members of the population;
  3. Secure compliance with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act;
  4. Prevent injury to plant and animal life and to property;
  5. Foster the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;
  6. Promote the economic and social development of Benton County; and
  7. Facilitate the enjoyment of the natural attractions of Benton County.
- B. The purpose of Regulation 1 is to establish technically feasible and reasonably attainable standards and to establish rules applicable to the control and/or prevention of the emission of air contaminants.
- C. The intent of Regulation 1 is to protect the public welfare, to preserve visibility, to protect scenic, aesthetic, historic, and cultural values, and to prevent air pollution problems that interfere with the enjoyment of life, property, or natural attractions.
- D. The Agency intends to implement and enforce the state regulations. Wherever Regulation 1 restates the requirements and purposes of chapter 70A.15 RCW, it is the intent of the Agency that Regulation 1 be interpreted in the same manner as the enabling statute.

#### **Section 1.03 Applicability**

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70A.15.2040, RCW 70A.15.3080, and RCW 70A.15.3130 ]

- A. The Agency implements and enforces the Washington Administrative Code State Air Pollution Control rules adopted by Ecology in Title 173 under chapter 70A.15 RCW, as in effect now and including all future amendments, except where specific provisions of BCAA Regulation 1 apply.

- B. The provisions of this regulation shall apply within Benton County of Washington State.
- C. The Agency is authorized to enforce this regulation and may also adopt standards or requirements.
- D. The Agency does not have jurisdiction over the following sources:
  - 1. Specific source categories over which the State assumes jurisdiction.
  - 2. Automobiles, trucks, aircraft, chemical pulp mills and primary aluminum reduction facilities.
  - 3. Sources under the jurisdiction of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) through chapter 80.50 RCW.