

Washington State Dep't. of Health Clandestine Drug Lab Program



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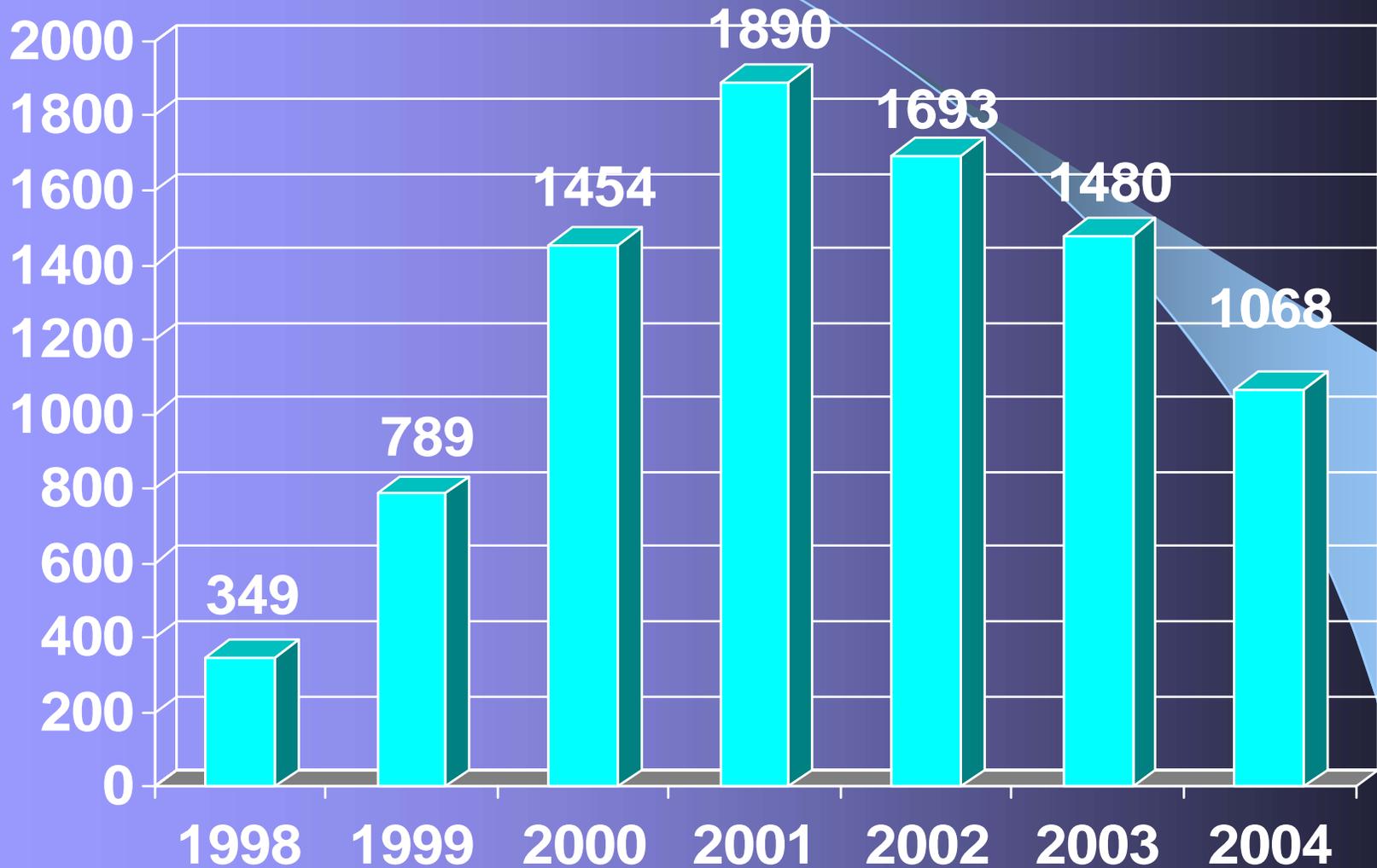
Presentation overview

- The Statute & Regulation:
 - *When, Why, and What?*
- Washington State's experience:
 - *Issues and considerations.*
- WA. and ORE. Regulation
 - *What are the differences?*
- Contact and Website

The law: When and why was it created?

- **Statutory authority in 1990. Regulation created shortly thereafter.**
- **Increasing number of drug labs.**
- **Concerns from the public, legislature, and others.**

Drug labs/drug lab dumpsites in Washington (1998-2004)



Statutory authority

Chapter 64.44 RCW Contaminated Properties

“The legislature finds that some properties are being contaminated by hazardous chemicals used in unsafe or illegal ways in the manufacture of illegal drugs. Innocent members of the public may be harmed by the residue left by these chemicals when the properties are subsequently rented or sold without having been decontaminated”

The Regulation

Chapter 246-205 WAC

Decontamination of illegal drug manufacturing or storage sites

“To protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare by establishing standards, procedures, and responsibilities”

The Regulation

Chapter 246-205 WAC

1. Assigns responsibilities:

- WA. State Department of Health
 - Certifies contractors and training providers.
 - Establishes performance standards.
 - Assists local health.
 - Develops policies and guidelines.

The Regulation

Chapter 246-205 WAC

1. Assigns responsibilities:

- Local Health Officer
 - Posts and inspects property.
 - Assesses and oversees decontamination.
 - Reports and notifies about contaminated property.
 - Inspects and approves contractor's work.
 - Verifies and records decontamination.

The Regulation

Chapter 246-205 WAC

2. Describes procedures:

- Certification requirements.
 - Details of basic and refresher course content.
 - Training provider responsibilities.
 - Contractor, Worker, and Supervisor requirements.
- Evaluation and Cleanup process.
 - Property inspection.
 - Sampling procedures.
 - Reporting and notification of contaminated property.
 - Verifying decontamination.

The Regulation

Chapter 246-205 WAC

3. Establishes decontamination standards:

- Methamphetamine wipe:
 - (less than or equal to $0.1 \mu\text{g}/100\text{cm}^2$)
- Total HCs and VOCs in air:
 - (1 ppm for an 8-hour TWA)
- Lead wipe
 - (less than or equal to $20 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$)
- Mercury in air
 - (less than or equal to $50 \text{ng}/\text{m}^3$)

Issues and considerations

- Who will oversee your drug lab Program?
 - State health, local health, environmental agency ?
- Obtain sufficient funding.
 - WA. funding is from certif. fees and Ecology funds.
- 3rd party sampling.
 - To reduce possible bias/conflict of interest.
- Contractor certification.
 - Establish certification criteria.
 - Certification processing is time-intensive.
 - Who will oversee contractor certif. part?

WA. and OR. Regulation: What's the difference?

	Washington	Oregon
Program. Admin.	State and local health	Oregon Health Division
Meth. standard	0.1 ug/100 cm ²	0.5 ug/ft ²
Meth. wipe sample area	100 cm ²	1 foot ²
Meth. standard in regulation?	Yes	No (it's a policy standard)
Wipe sample prep.	Methanol	Deionized water
3rd party sampling	Not required	Required
Property title	Remains tagged, even after remediation	Cleared after remediation

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