

**Critical Materials
Municipal Code – SMC 17E.010
2016 Proposed Revisions**



Critical Materials Definition

- Critical Materials: a compound or substance that could result in the impairment of one or more of the beneficial uses of aquifer water and/or impair aquifer water quality.



Ordinance History

- The original Critical Materials Technical Advisory Committee was created in 1977 to oversee the technical aspects of the development of the Water Quality Management Plan in Spokane.
- The resulting code language was approved in 1986 and last updated in 2009.

New Language

- The development of the proposed code language was intended to update the requirements based on our specific experiences and to incorporate current best management practices.



New Language

- Less technical and easier to understand.
- Duplicate references and parallel code paths have been removed.
- Definitions have been clarified, and one additional definition added.



New Language

- Approximately 80 changes were made to current Municipal Code sections (17A, 17E, and 17G).
- 6 sections were deleted.
- 12 sections had partial deletions.
- Article IV was revised to mirror Article III.
- 17 sections had revisions or additions.

Key Highlights

- Section 040 – removed 1987 grandfathering provision
- Section 050 – revised to allow Critical Review Officer to waive submittals.
- Section 095 – revised wording to follow current Wastewater Mgmt. practices.
- 17G.101.150 – language reworded to clarify critical material list submissions.



Questions?

