**12.10.03 HOSE DRYING TOWERS**

**1.0 REFERENCE**

 WAC 296-305-06515

**2.0 POLICY**

**2.1** The floor openings on hose tower platforms shall be equipped with a forty-two inch guardrail with mid-rail and shall be capable of withstanding a force of 250 pounds applied in any direction at any point on the top rail. The work platform shall be equipped with toeboards.

**2.2** The requirements for offset ladder platforms and ladder cage guards, when ladders extend beyond twenty feet, shall apply to hose drying towers.

**2.3** Ropes and attachments used to hoist hose in the hose towers shall have a breaking strength of 1500 pounds for a safe load strength of 300 pounds (five-to-one safety factor).

2.4 Approved head protection shall be worn by all persons in the hose tower whenever hose handling/hanging operations are taking place.

2.5 Ropes utilizing a pulley block shall be appropriately sized for the sheave to prevent possible jamming or damage to the rope.

**3.0 DEFINITIONS**

 NA

**4.0 RESPONSIBILITY**

 N/A

**5.0 GUIDELINES**

 N/A

**6.0 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

**7.0 APPENDIX**

 N/A