



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

**On-site Septic
Chapter 246-272A WAC**

March 2023

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
Review On-Site Rule, Chapter 246-272A WAC	December 2017	December 2017
State Board of Health (SBOH) directs DOH to begin rulemaking	January 2018	January 2018
File CR101	March 2018	March 2018
Form On-site Rule Revision Committee (ORRC)	May 2018	May 2018
ORRC kickoff meeting #1	June 2018	June 2018
ORRC Meeting #2	September 2018	September 2018
ORRC Meeting #3	November 2018	November 2018
ORRC Meeting #4	December 2018	December 2018
SBOH update	January 2019	March 2019
ORRC Meeting #5	April 2019	April 2019
ORRC Meeting #6	June 2019	August 2019
Draft revised rules	August 2019	August 2019
Hold statewide workshops	Sept-Oct 2019	October 3, 2019
Informal draft comment period- Pre CR102	Aug-Oct 2019	October 8, 2019
SBOH update	November 2019	Nov 18, 2019
Revise draft rules based on stakeholder comments	January 2020	January 2020
ORRC Final Meeting to review final draft rule	February 2020	Feb 13, 2020
Prepare rules and required analyses for filing	April 2023	
SBOH Update	August 2023	
SBOH briefing	November 2023	
File CR 102 – formal rule proposal	December 2023	
Last day to submit written comments	January 2024	
Public Hearing	February 2024	
Respond to stakeholder comments	March 2024	
File CR 103 – adopted rule	March 2024	
Train Stakeholders on new rule	April 2024	
Rule Effective	March 2025	

Purpose

The purpose of this rule revision is to update chapter 246-272A WAC, On-site sewage systems. Updates to the rule will reflect septic design, installation, operation and maintenance, and management.

Recent Issues and Activities

The On-Site Rule Review Committee (ORRC), comprised of industry experts, local health and other stakeholders, has been established and will meet throughout 2018 and into 2019 to discuss revisions to chapter 246-272A WAC. The ORRC has provided options and recommendations regarding rule revision for the State Board of Health to consider.

Next Steps

Conduct cost survey of impacted parties
 Complete analysis documents
 SBOH Update in August 2023

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For detailed information about the On-Site rule revision process, please see the Department of Health website at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WastewaterManagement/RulesandRegulations/OnsiteRuleRevision> or contact Jeremy Simmons, On-Site Program, at 360-236-3346 or email Jeremy.Simmons@doh.wa.gov