

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

On-site Septic Chapter 246-272A WAC

August 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 | August 2023 | |
| SBOH briefing | October 2023 | |
| File CR 102 – formal rule Proposal | October 2023 | |
| Public Hearing | January 2024 | |
| Respond to stakeholder comments | February 2024 | |
| File CR 103 – adopted rule | February 2024 | |
| Train Stakeholders on new rule | March 2024 | |
| Rule Effective | February 2025 February 2026 | |

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 Briefing October 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