**Department of Health**
**Office of Environmental Health and Safety**

## Notice of Adoption – Policy Statement

**Title:** LOSS Operating Permit 2026 Fee Continuation | EHS-05-2026

**Issuing Entity:** Department of Health

**Subject Matter:** Informs Large on-site sewage (LOSS) system operators that the department will continue to charge the 2026 permitting fee established under WAC 246-272-3000.

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# Policy Statement

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| **Policy Statement Number:** | EHS-05-2026 |
| **References:** | WAC 246-272-3000 and RCW 43.70.250 |
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The Department of Health (department) will not increase initial operating permit and annual operating permit renewal fees for large on-site sewage (LOSS) systems in 2027 as adopted in WAC 246-272-3000(2) and scheduled to take effect January 1, 2027. Rather the department will continue to collect the fee amounts collected effective January 1, 2026

After evaluating the LOSS revenue and operating costs and conducting further analysis, the department has determined fee adjustments for initial operating permit and annual operating permit renewal fees for 2027 are not needed at this time. The department will continue to charge the 2026 permitting fee established under WAC 246-272-3000 for LOSS operating permit fees in 2027 and will not implement the scheduled 2027 fee increase at this time.

The fees the department will charge for 2027 are as follows:

| Operating Permit Fees | |
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| Base Fee | $1,414.00 |
| Department-approved LOSS design flow fee | $0.10 per gallon |

All other fees established in WAC 246-272-3000 will be charged as adopted in rule.

The department will continue to monitor revenue and expenses and communicate any future changes to the LOSS permitting fee, as appropriate.