

On-Site Rule Revision Issue: Definitions: Group 3

Problem Statement

Definitions in WAC 246-272A may need clarifications. LHJs, designers, and others have reported that in some circumstances the definitions of several terms have caused issues and confusion. A clear, uniform understanding of the pertinent definitions and terms will help protect public health and the environment.

Options

Added clarity to definitions. New definitions.

Pros/Cons

Pro - The added clarity should help LHJs, designers, and others understand the definitions and their implications.

Con - Too narrow of definitions may limit liberal interpretability and could force unintended requirements/rigidity.

Recommendations to Consider

Blue = Additions Red = Deletions

Daily Use

The Technical Subcommittee voted not to add a definition of “daily use” because: 1) the term doesn’t exist in the WAC; and 2) the definition of “design flow” closely matched the proposed definition of daily use.

Adjacent to marine shoreline

The Technical Subcommittee voted to change wording from “adjacent to” in sections regarding marine shoreline (-0230, -0250, & -0290) to “within 200 feet of”, thus eliminating the need to define “adjacent to marine shoreline.”

Floodplain

“Floodplain” means an area that is low-lying and adjacent to a stream or river that is covered by water during a flood.

Black water

“Blackwater” means any waste from toilets or urinals.

Drainage Areas

“Drainage area” means a land feature that directs water from rain, snowmelt, irrigation or collected stormwater that is not absorbed into the ground. The water flows over the ground surface. Examples of the landform features that direct water are gentle or steep hillsides or banks, mountains, glacial till, bedrock, or other restrictive strata.

Prohibited Wastes

There were no changes made to the definition of "Industrial wastewater".

Residential sewage, Non-residential sewage, and Grease trap/interceptor

The Technical Subcommittee agreed to postpone a vote until DOH presents a new proposal for these terms. DOH staff will consider presenting to the Tech Subcommittee at a later time.

Low-Flow Waste

The Technical Subcommittee voted not to adopt a definition for this term because it is not applicable to the rule.