

Informal Comment Period—Draft Rule Changes
August 2019

On-site Sewage Systems
Chapter 246-272A WAC



Background

WAC 246-272A directs the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to review the on-site sewage systems (OSS) rule every four years and make a recommendation to the State Board of Health (SBOH) for the need to revise the rule. In January 2018, the SBOH directed DOH to begin the rule revision process.

DOH formed the On-site Rule Revision Committee (ORRC), a group of industry professionals, local health professionals, and other interested stakeholders. The ORRC met regularly from June 2018 through August 2019 to advise DOH on policy and technical issues which helped inform the revised rule language.

Informal Comment Period

A six-week informal comment period will be open **August 27-October 8**. A draft version of the revised rule and other materials, including a section-by-section highlight of draft changes, will be available on our [rulemaking webpage](#) during this period. The informal comment period will also include a series of **six statewide 3-hour workshops** hosted by DOH to help clarify proposed changes and answer questions.

On-site Rule Revision Workshop Schedule – 2019

Date/Time	City	Address	Comments
Sep 03 9am – 12 pm	Tumwater	310 Israel Rd SE Tumwater, WA 98501	Washington St Department of Health Point Plaza East, Rm 152/153
Sep 09 1pm – 4 pm	Spokane	1101 W. College Ave Spokane, WA 99201	Spokane Regional Health District
Sep 10 10am – 1 pm	Moses Lake	3001 W Broadway Ave Moses Lake, WA 98837	Labor and Industries Building
Sep 11 9 am – 12 pm	Kennewick	7102 W. Okanogan Pl Kennewick, WA 99336	Benton-Franklin Health District
Sep 19 1 pm – 4 pm	Bremerton	345 6 th St Bremerton, WA 98337	Norm Dicks Government Center
Sep 30 1 pm – 4 pm	Mt. Vernon	10441 Bayview-Edison Rd Mt. Vernon, WA 98273	Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Oct 01 1 pm – 4 pm	Webinar	See website for login info	Webinar only, participate via webinar

How to Comment

We want your written feedback on the draft rule. Send comments to jeremy.simmons@doh.wa.gov, with “Onsite Rule Revision” in the subject line.

All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday October 8, 2019.

How to Find More Information

On-site sewage system rule revision process information is on the Department of Health website: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WastewaterManagement/RulesandRegulations/OnsiteRuleRevision>. You may also contact Jeremy Simmons, On-Site Sewage System Program, at 360-236-3346, or email jeremy.simmons@doh.wa.gov

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