



**DATE:** October 8, 2014

**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Keith Grellner, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE: ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Background and Summary:**

RCW 43.20.050 authorizes the Washington State Board of Health to adopt rules for the design, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of on-site sewage systems with design flows of less than 3,500 gallons per day. Chapter 246-272A WAC sets out those requirements, and establishes additional planning and management requirements for local health officers of health jurisdictions in the twelve counties bordering Puget Sound.

In 2009, Washington State Department of Health was awarded, as lead agency, an EPA pathogen grant fund. The Department utilized a portion of those dollars to convene an advisory committee to explore how to create sustainable funding for on-site sewage system operation and maintenance programs.

Today, Kelly Cooper, Policy Director for Department of Health's Environmental Public Health Division, and Stuart Glasoe, Manager of the Department's Wastewater Management Program will describe the Puget Sound Septic Finance Project, its findings and the subsequent policy recommendations that resulted from this project. This project may result in legislation for the 2015 legislative session, and revisions to the Board's on-site sewage rules.

**Recommended Board Action:**

No action, informational only.

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