

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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

**From:** Keith Grellner, Chair

**Subject:** Rules Update—On-site Sewage Systems, Chapter 246-272A WAC

## Background and Summary:

Under RCW 43.20.050, the State Board of Health (Board) has rulemaking authority for on-site sewage systems with design flows less than three thousand five hundred gallons per day. The Board's rules, chapter 246-272A WAC, set comprehensive standards for the siting, design, installation, use, care, and management of these small on-site sewage systems. The Washington Department of Health (Department) and local health jurisdictions jointly administer the rules.

WAC 246-272A-0425 requires the Department to review the rules every four years and report recommendations to the Board and local health officers. The Department last reported on the rules to the Board in January 2018, recommending that the Board initiate rulemaking to update the rules. The Board endorsed the recommendation to initiate rulemaking and filed a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, on March 6, 2018, as WSR 18-06-082.

Jeremy Simmons, Manager of the Department's On-Site Wastewater Management Program, will update the Board on this important rulemaking, providing background on the rules, overview of the rulemaking process, highlights of key issues and revisions in the draft rules, and anticipated next steps in the final phases of this rulemaking.

This is an informational update involving no Board action. Staff anticipate returning to the Board in March for a final project briefing before filing the CR-102, Proposed Rulemaking, for public review and comment. A public hearing on the proposed rules is tentatively scheduled for June 2023.

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