



Office of Shellfish & Water Protection
Wastewater Management Program

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**History of the last LOSS rule
development effort**

Some OAC LOSS Program recommendations:

- Consolidate authority for all LOSS under one state agency
- Establish new or raise existing fees to better cover program costs
- Address LOSS operator competency
- Develop better criteria to evaluate impacts to ground/surface water
- Better address wastewater strength & minimum pretreatment
- Improve state tracking of LOSS
- Strengthen DOH oversight of LOSS operation and management



2004 LOSS Rule Development Committee (cont.)

- **First meeting Feb 2004:**
(Identified & prioritized 35 topics / issues to be addressed)
- **Monthly meetings through OCT 2004**
- **LRDC identified / prioritized list of 35 topics to be addressed**
(* List of topics / decisions will be presented this afternoon)
- Ecology & Health met separately to coordinate on interagency issues
- DOH suspends LOSS rule process in 2005 (due to lack of resources)

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2004 LOSS Rule Development Committee

15 LRDC Members / Stakeholders representing:

State Agencies:

- HEALTH
- ECOLOGY
- WSDOT
- PARKS

Puget Sound Action Team

Local Health Sanitarians (2 – west & east)

Local Health Environmental Health Directors

LOSS Component Manufacturers (2)

Private Sector Service Provider

LOSS Private Installer

LOSS Private Design Engineer

WA Onsite Sewage Association (“WOSSA”)

WA Realtors

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Recent developments:

2005/2006 – Legislature investigated perceived barriers to MBR technology

April 2006 – DOH - Ecology Interagency Policy Meeting

- Agreed in principal to consolidate programs
- Identified critical issues to be addressed including:
 - ✓ program includes environmental & health protection
 - ✓ assure LOSS projects are consistent with GMA / land use plans
 - ✓ strengthen enforcement capability
 - ✓ responsible agency needs sufficient resources

DEC 2006 – Governor asks agencies to develop draft bill to consolidate authority for LOSS under Health

2007 – ESSB 5894 passes – codified as RCW 70.118B

