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## **Sewage Tank Rule Development**

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## On-site Sewage System Rules

- Small systems – Chapter 246-272A
- Large systems – Chapter 246-272B
- Sewage tanks (new) – Chapter 246-272C

## Sewage Tank Rule History

Previous efforts:

- Mid 1990's – draft guidance developed
- 2006-2007 – guidance updated so tanks could be used under small system rule

## **Sewage Tank Rule – Current Efforts**

- Goal – have rule in place before revised large system rule takes effect
- February 2008 – “scoping” meetings identified issues
- March-July 2008 – rule advisory panel met, provided advice
- Fall-Winter 2008 – drafting

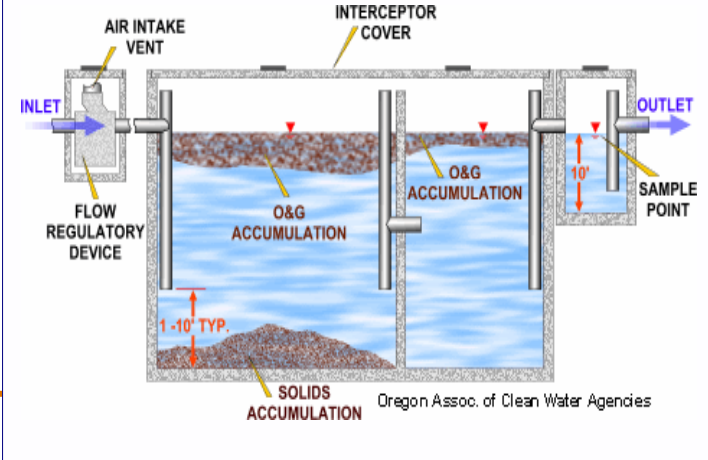
## Tank Types

- Septic tanks
- Grease interceptors
- Pump tanks
- Holding tanks
- Tanks in proprietary treatment products registered under 246-272A

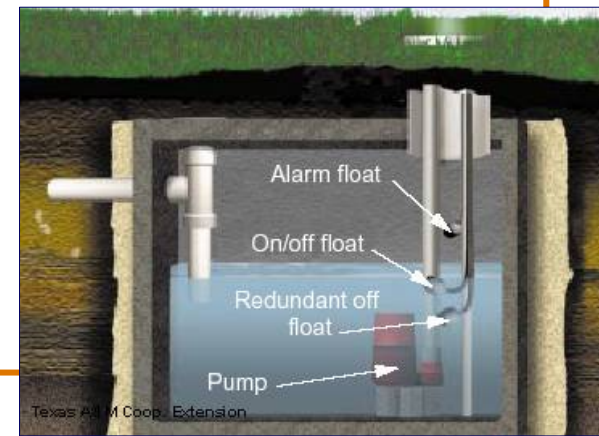
Septic tank



Grease interceptor



Pump tank



## Draft Tanks Rule

- Water-tight (nothing seeps in or out)
  - Testing and reporting requirements
- Design and construction standards
- Sewage tank registration

## Anticipated Issues – Water Tightness

### Agreement:

- Must be water-tight
- Types of tests and methods used
- Test failure results in rejection

### Disagreement:

- Where to test?
- Who should test?
- Who is responsible if tank leaks?

## Timeline

### January – May 2009

- Incorporate rule advisory panel comments into draft
- Hold workshops
- Reconvene rule advisory panel to consider revisions based on workshop comments
- Complete small business economic impact statement and significant analysis

### June 2009

- Prepare, file CR-102 package

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