

A Comparison of LOSS Submittal Requirements for the Department of Health and the Department of Ecology

This information assists owners of Large On-site Sewage Systems (LOSS) regulated by Department of Health (Health) who apply for or receive wastewater treatment funding from Department of Ecology (Ecology) or others that rely on report requirements established in Ecology regulations. Ecology guidance such as the "Orange Book" is not referenced in this document. This cross reference identifies where overlap occurs for information required in Health documents and Ecology documents. In these cases the information required by one agency can also be used to satisfy requirements of the other.

The first section of this cross reference lists Health WAC (with detail) and the corresponding Ecology WAC. The second section lists the Ecology WAC (without detail) and the corresponding Health WAC.

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WAC 246-272B-03000 Predesign Report	WAC Requirement
At a minimum, the predesign report must include the following	
information:	
(1) Contact information for the owner and design engineer	173-240-060(3)(a)
	Engineering Report
(2) Site address, legal description, and name of the county	
where the project is located;	
(3) Vicinity map showing:	173-240-050(3)(d)(i)
	General Sewer Plan
(a) The project site;	
(b) Project property boundaries;	
(c) Parcels surrounding and adjoining the project property boundaries; and	
(d) Zoning and current land use of all identified properties and parcels.	
(4) Site map scaled to clearly show:	173-240-050(3)(d)
(4) She map scaled to clearly show.	General Sewer Plan
(a) Project boundaries;	General Sewer Flan
(b) Topographic contours with maximum intervals of five	
feet, including the data source for the map;	
(c) Cuts, banks, fill;	
(d) Slopes greater than thirty percent;	
(e) Areas of soil or slope instability;	
(f) Bedrock outcrops;	172.240.050(2)()
(g) All items identified in WAC 246-272B-06050,	173-240-050(3)(j)
Table 3 that are within the minimum horizontal	General Sewer Plan
setback distance noted in the table;	172 240 050(2)(;)
(h) All wells within one thousand feet of the project	173-240-050(3)(j) General Sewer Plan
property boundaries;	
(i) Location of one hundred-year flood boundaries, if	173-240-060(3)(h)
any, within the mapped area;	Engineering Report
(j) Proposed primary and reserve drainfield boundaries;	
and	
(k) Test pits.	
(5) Identification of tribal lands and archaeological resources	
within one thousand feet of the primary or reserve	
drainfield perimeter.	
(6) A description of underground utilities at the site;	
(7) USDA NRCS soil map and mapping unit description;	



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(8) A narrative discussion of the LOSS project describing at a	
minimum:	
(a) The development with specific residential and	173-240-050(3)(a), (e)
nonresidential facilities identified;	General Sewer Plan
(b) The drinking water source serving the development;	173-240-050(3)(d)(vii)
	General Sewer Plan
(c) The total land area available, in acres, for the	
development and all LOSS components;	
(d) Applicable parts of the city, town, or county	
comprehensive plan or development regulations for	
all property the LOSS will be sited on and the	
development it serves, including the primary and	
reserve drainfield areas;	
(e) How the LOSS project complies and is consistent	173-240-050(3)
with local comprehensive plans and land use and	General Sewer Plan
development regulations, including standards	
developed for any sensitive or critical areas	
designated by a city, town, county, or local health	
jurisdiction within one thousand feet of the drainfield	
perimeter;	
(f) Any city, town, county, or local health jurisdiction	173-240-050(3)(a)
requirement for the property to connect to public	General Sewer Plan;
sewer;	173-240-060(4)(c)
	Engineering Report
(g) Expected project design flow and waste strength;	173-240-060(3)(c)
	Engineering Report
(h) Proposed treatment and dispersal method; and	173-240-050(3)(k)
	General Sewer Plan
(i) A description of how the owner proposes to meet the	173-240-050(3)(b)
ownership and management requirements in WAC	General Sewer Plan
246-272B-04100(2).	
(9) Soil logs meeting the requirements in WAC 246-272B-	
03400 from the primary and reserve drainfield areas;	
(10) Soil type and hydraulic loading rate using Table 1 in WAC	
246-272B-03400;	
(11) Narrative describing the physical characteristics of the	
primary and reserve drainfield site including:	
(a) Topography and slope;	
(b) Vegetation;	
(c) Predominant soil type;	
(d) Vertical separation;	



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(e) Site drainage patterns; and	
(f) Water table and any restrictive layers.	
(12) Calculations and a discussion showing that the proposed	
site meets the minimum land area requirements of WAC	
246-272B-03500 using the values in Table 2 in that	
section for the identified soil types; and	
(13) If available, a copy of the SEPA checklist and	173-240-050(3)(n)
determination or other environmental review and local	General Sewer Plan
planning determination for the development.	

This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-03200 Site Risk Survey (SRS)	WAC Requirement
At a minimum, the SRS must include the following	
information:	
(1) Design flow and waste strength.	
(2) A description of the physical characteristics of the primary	173-240-060(4)(a)
and reserve drainfield site including:	Engineering Report
(a) Predominant soil type;	
(b) Vertical separation; and	
(c) Water table.	
(3) Identification of sensitive or critical areas designated by a	
local, state, or federal agency if the primary or reserve	
drainfield is located within the boundaries of the area	
including, but not limited to:	
(a) Critical aquifer recharge area;	
(b) Sole source aquifer;	
(c) Designated wellhead protection area;	
(d) Marine recovery area; and	
(e) One hundred-year flood plain.	
(4) Identification of sensitive lands or resources within one-	
half mile of the primary or reserve drainfield perimeter	
including, but not limited to:	
(a) Fish hatcheries;	
(b) Shellfish growing areas; and	
(c) Water recreation areas.	
(5) Basic hydrogeology information for the primary and	
reserve drainfield including, but not limited to:	



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WAC 246-272B-03200 Site Risk Survey (SRS)	WAC Requirement
(a) Well logs for all wells within one thousand feet;	173-240-050(3d)(vi)
	General Sewer Plan
(b) Depth to groundwater including perched groundwater	173-240-060(4)(b)(i)
and deeper aquifers;	Engineering Report
(c) Vadose zone characteristics, including the presence of	
impermeable layers or aquitards;	Engineering Report
(d) Direction of groundwater flow;	173-240-060(4)(b)(i)
	Engineering Report
(e) Groundwater quality information, including nitrate and fecal coliform;	
(f) Nitrate screening balance; and	173-240-060(4)(b)(ii)
	Engineering Report
(g) Potential hydraulic continuity to surface water.	
(6) Topographic map that clearly shows site features	
including:	
(a) Map scale and north arrow;	
(b) Section, township, and range where project is located;	
(c) Project or property boundaries;	
(d) Location of proposed primary and reserve drainfields;	173-240-060(4)(d)
	Engineering Report
(e) Location of areas prone to flooding including any	173-240-060(3)(h)
designated one hundred-year flood plain boundaries;	Engineering Report
(f) Unstable areas prone to significant surface or mass	
erosion;	
(g) Direction of groundwater flow;	173-240-060(4)(b)(i)
	Engineering Report
(h) Other contaminant sources including other OSS;	
(i) Critical area boundaries or other sensitive areas listed	
in subsections (3) and (4) of this section;	
(j) Surface water and wetlands within one thousand feet	
of the proposed drainfield perimeter; and	
(k) Active and abandoned wells within one thousand feet	
of the proposed drainfield perimeter.	
(7) Other information the department may request to	
determine public health and environmental impacts from	
the LOSS.	



WAC 246-272B-03300

This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-03300	WAC Requirement
Environmental Review - Hydrogeology Report (HGR)	
(1) The department will determine the scope of the HGR	
based on the site conditions identified in the SRS, if one	
has been completed.	
(2) If an SRS has not been completed, the owner shall include	
the information listed in WAC 246-272B-03200 in the	
HGR.	
(3) The HGR must include sufficient site specific information	
and analysis for the department to determine the public	
health and environmental impacts of the LOSS, including:	
(a) Further analysis of the site conditions identified in the	173-240-060(4)(b)(iii)
SRS; and	Engineering Report
(b) Mitigation to reduce or eliminate potential impacts.	
(4) The HGR must also include a ground and surface water	173-240-060(3)(o)
monitoring plan as appropriate.	Engineering Report

This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-04000 Engineering Report	WAC Requirement
(1) The engineering report must outline the scope of the	173-240-060(3)(a)
LOSS project, provide necessary background information,	Engineering Report
the design guidance or standards used, calculations for	
developing plans and specifications, and impact on public	
health and the environment.	
(2) The engineering report must be prepared using design and	
technical standards in Part 6 of this chapter and consistent	
with good engineering practice.	
(3) The engineer may incorporate by reference, or include in	
an appendix, information developed for the site review or	
environmental review, if still relevant.	
(4) At a minimum the report must include:	
(a) An executive summary providing a brief overview of	173-240-060(3)
the following:	Engineering Report
(i) Nature of the project, such as a new	173-240-050(3)(a)
development, expansion, phased construction;	General Sewer Plan
(ii) Location of the LOSS;	



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WAC 246-272B-04000 Engineering Report	WAC Requirement
(iii) Proposed ownership and management;	173-240-050(3)(b)
	General Sewer Plan
(iv) Facilities served when the development is	173-240-050(3)(c)
complete;	General Sewer Plan
(v) Design flow;	173-240-060(3)(c)
	Engineering Report
(vi) Wastewater characteristics and strength;	173-240-060(3)(c), (d)
	Engineering Report
(vii) Site and soil characteristics; and	173-240-060(4)(a)
	Engineering Report
(viii) Treatment and dispersal proposal;	173-240-060(3)(d), (f), (h)
	Engineering Report
(b) A narrative providing a detailed explanation of the	
following:	
(i) Facilities served when the development is	173-240-060(3)(c)
complete;	Engineering Report
(ii) Existing or anticipated wastewater characteristics	173-240-060(3)(c)
and strength;	Engineering Report
(iii) Proposed treatment and dispersal method;	173-240-060(3)(f)
	Engineering Report
(iv) Local comprehensive plans, land use and	
development regulations, sensitive area	
designations, and requirements by local	
jurisdictions to connect to public sewer that apply	
to property the LOSS will be sited on and the	
development to be served, including the primary	
and reserve drainfield areas;	
(v) Existing sewer or water systems on the	173-240-050(3)(d)(ii), &
development site; and	(3)(d)(vii) General Sewer Plan
(vi) Source of drinking water and water system	173-240-050(3)(d)(vii)
purveyor for properties served by the LOSS;	General Sewer Plan
(c) A copy of the applicable parts of:	
(i) City, town, or county comprehensive plans or	
development regulations for property the LOSS	
will be sited on and the development it serves,	
including the primary and reserve drainfield	
areas; and	
(ii) City, town, county, or local health jurisdiction	173-240-060(4)(c)
requirements for the property to connect to public	Engineering Report
sewer;	



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	46-272B-04000 Engineering Report	WAC Requirement
(d)	A statement that the LOSS and development are	173-240-050(3)(m),(n)
	consistent with the regulations and designations	General Sewer Plan
	identified in (c) of this subsection;	
(e)	An explanation of how the LOSS and the	
	development are consistent with the local	
	comprehensive plan, land use and development	
	regulations, and sensitive and critical areas. The	
	explanation must provide sufficient information to	
	demonstrate that the LOSS and the development are	
	consistent with these regulations and designations,	
	and may include copies of relevant portions of the	
	local comprehensive plan, land use or development	
	regulations, sensitive area designations, or other	
	related documents pertaining to the LOSS site and	
	proposed development;	
(f)	A copy of the SEPA checklist and determination or	173-240-050(3)(n)
	other environmental review and local planning	General Sewer Plan
	determination for the project;	
(g)	A vicinity map showing the project's location;	173-240-060(3)(b)
-		Engineering Report
(h)	A map and development plan of the development area	
	scaled to clearly show the following:	
	(i) Total development area;	173-240-060(3)(b)
		Engineering Report
	(ii) Proposed primary and reserve drainfield areas;	
	(iii) Any surface water, wetland, or well within one	173-240-050(3)(d)(vi)
	thousand feet of the drainfield perimeter;	General Sewer Plan
	(iv) Topographic contour lines and elevations	173-240-050(3)(d)(v)
	shown at intervals of ten feet or less and	General Sewer Plan
	verified by field measurements;	
	(v) Drainage basins and drainage patterns	
	throughout the development site;	
	(vi) Any existing or proposed storm water systems	
	or retention basins on the development site;	
	(vii) Location of one hundred-year flood boundaries	173-240-060(3)(h)
	within one thousand feet of the drainfield	Engineering Report
	perimeter;	
	(viii) Existing or proposed structures, roads, and	173-240-050(3)(d)(v)
	parking areas adjacent to the proposed	General Sewer Plan
	drainfield;	



WAC 246-272B-04000 Engineering ReportWAC Requirement(ix)Location of existing and proposed	
encumbrances affecting system placement; and	
(x) All water, sewer, greywater, reclaimed water, 173-240-050(3)(d)(ii	
storm water, irrigation lines within ten feet of (iv), (vii) General Se	ewer Plan
the project or property boundaries;	
(i) An analysis of the site's capacity to treat and dispose 173-240-060(4)(b)(ii	i)
of the proposed quantity and quality of sewage; Engineering Report	
(j) SRS as described in WAC 246-272B-03200, if one 173-240-060(3)(e)	
was completed; Engineering Report	
(k) HGR as described in WAC 246-272B-03300, if one 173-240-060(3)(e)	
was completed; Engineering Report	
(1) Soil characterization as described in WAC 246-272B-	
03400 if updated since the department approval of the	
predesign report;	
(m) A discussion of proposed treatment processes	
addressing:	
(i) Wastewater characterization, flow patterns, and 173-240-050(3)(g), (1)	h)
any site specific constituents of concern of the General Sewer Plan	
wastewater;	
(ii) Treatment standard approved by the 173-240-060(3)(d), (j	g)
department in the site review and Engineering Report	5)
environmental review process, and the	
expected treatment performance of the	
(iii) Proposed O & M activities: and	
(iii) Proposed O&M activities; and	
(iv) Any alternative treatment processes evaluated; 173-240-050(3)(k)	
General Sewer Plan	
(n) Confirmation, including calculations, that the	
development and LOSS design complies with the	
minimum land requirements in WAC 246-272B-	
03500;	
(o) Design criteria, calculations, and any other supporting	
material needed to develop the plans and	
specifications, including:	
(i) Design flow;	
(ii) Soil type and hydraulic loading rate; 173-240-060(4)(a), (I	b)
Engineering Report	
(iii) Pipe sizes;	
(iv) Hydraulic evaluation and drainfield dosing	
calculations to determine dose volume, orifice	
size, spacing, residual head;	



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AC 2	46-272B-04000 Engineering Report	WAC Requirement
	(v) Pump selection with pump and system curves;	
	(vi) Tank size; and	
	(vii) Treatment component design calculations, if	
	applicable, and supporting performance	
	information;	
(p)	Proposed monitoring and sampling for influent,	173-240-060(4)(o)
	effluent, and, if necessary, water quality monitoring to	Engineering Report
	demonstrate treatment standards will be met on an	
	ongoing basis;	
(q)	A summary description of how the LOSS will be	173-240-060(3)(a)
	owned and managed after construction;	Engineering Report
(r)	A copy of the legal title or recorded easement to the	
	property where the LOSS will be located showing that	
	the owner retains legal control of the drainfield and	
	LOSS components. If there will be sewage tanks on	
	individual lots, the report must include a plan for	
	obtaining easements if not already established;	
(s)	Discussion of the construction process summarizing	173-240-075(2)(a), (f)
	how the requirements of Part 5 will be met;	Construction QA Plan
(t)	Updated general information, including changes to the	
	following:	
	(i) Name, telephone number, fax number, mailing	
	address, and e-mail address of:	
	(A) Owner of the LOSS proposal;	
	(B) Authorized representative of the owner,	
	if any;	
	(C) Legal owner of property where the	
	LOSS is proposed to be installed;	
	(D) Design engineer;	
	(E) Certified operator, if known; and	
	(F) Any other project contact;	
	(ii) Project site address, county, tax parcel number,	
	and legal description; and	
(u)	A management plan that meets the requirements of	
	WAC 246-272B-04100.	



This Health Citation & Requirement: WAC 246-272B-04100 Management Plan	Satisfies This Ecology WAC Requirement
(1) The management plan must include, at a minimum:	WAC Requirement
(a) A statement identifying whether the ownership of the	<u> </u>
development served by the LOSS is:	
(i) A single owner; or	
(ii) A collection of individually owned lots or units.	
(b) If a development has individually owned lots or units	
a statement that it is managed by:	·,
(i) A public entity or a wastewater company	
regulated by the Washington utilities and	
transportation commission; or	
(ii) A private management entity with a public entit	V.
or a wastewater company regulated by the	y
Washington utilities and transportation	
commission contracted as a third party guaranto	r
(c) A copy of the agreement, ordinance, covenant, or	1.
other legal document given to all customers that	
explains the rights and responsibilities of individual	
users of the LOSS and of the owner, management	
entity, or other responsible person. The agreement,	
ordinance, covenant, or other legal document must	
include, but is not limited to, the following:	
(i) The fees and rates to be charged;	173-240-060(3)(p)
(i) The roos and rates to be charged,	Engineering Report
(ii) How charges may be amended; and	173-240-060(3)(p)
(ii) How charges may be amenada, and	Engineering Report
(iii) A list of substances that are prohibited from	
entering the LOSS in WAC 246-272B-06000.	
(d) A narrative describing the management entity's	
experience managing LOSS and OSS including, but	
not be limited to:	
(i) A list of all LOSS and OSS currently managed	
and owned, and counties they are located in;	
(ii) Number of staff and their qualifications.	
(e) Name, telephone number, fax number, mailing	
address, and e-mail address for the following:	
(i) Management entity;	
(i) Primary contact person for the management	
entity;	
(iii) Third-party guarantor, if any.	
(iii) Third Purty Bummitor, it uny.	



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	A copy of all recorded LOSS and LOSS component	wae Keyun ement
(f)	1.	
	easements that allow access to perform O&M, repair,	
	modification, and replacement, if located on private	
	property or in the public right of way, including	
	easements for sewage tanks on individual lots.	
	Easements for sewage tanks on individual lots must	
	be obtained and recorded as the lots are built upon, if	
	not before.	
(g)	A description of the specific duties of the	
	management entity;	
(h)	A contingency plan to operate, maintain, and manage	
	the LOSS so that public health and the environment	
	are protected during a transition from one	
	management entity to another;	
(i)	Signed and notarized management agreement between	
	the LOSS owner and the management entity in which	
	the management entity agrees to comply with the	
	following requirements:	
	(i) Operate and maintain the LOSS consistent with	
	this chapter and any other applicable rules or	
	statutes, and with the requirements in the owner's	
	operating permit;	
	(ii) Provide adequate management, staff, and	
	facilities to properly manage the LOSS;	
	(iii) Provide the owner and the department updated	
	contact information including name, telephone	
	number, fax number, mailing address, and e-mail	
	address when changes occur;	
	(iv) Contract with licensed, certified, or local health	
	jurisdiction-approved professionals for	
	maintenance service, pumping, electrical, and	
	mechanical repair and modifications, as needed;	
	and	
	(v) When a proprietary treatment component is used,	
	employ the proprietary treatment component	
	manufacturer to monitor and maintain the	
	proprietary system, or employ a LOSS operator	
	who meets the requirements of WAC 246-272B-	
	07200(3).	
(j)	Maintain records of performance and all inspections,	
	repairs, sampling, pumping, and improvements;	
L	repairs, sampning, pumping, and improvements,	



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WAC 246-272B-04100 Management Plan	WAC Requirement
(k) Proof of an accounting and audit system set up and	
maintained using standard accounting practices; and	
(1) Description of how the owner or management entity	
will obtain and maintain adequate current and future	
funding for LOSS operations and capital	
improvement expenses including:	
(i) Long-term maintenance and operation of the	
LOSS and operator costs;	
(ii) Inspection, repair, and replacement of	
components; and	
(iii) Compliance with any conditions of construction	
approval or conditions that may be included in	
the operating permit.	
(2) If the LOSS serves individually owned units or lots, the	
management plan must also include the following:	
(a) Articles of incorporation and bylaws, including	
procedures to amend existing agreements for	
homeowner associations, corporations, or other	
associations of owners.	
(b) Name of the association's or corporation's registered	
agent; and	
(c) Copies of recorded easements to the LOSS and all	
components, including sewage tanks on individual	
lots, regarding access to perform O&M, repair,	
modification, and replacement. Easements for sewage	
tanks on individual lots must be obtained and	
recorded as the lots are built upon, if not before.	

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WAC 246-272B-04200	WAC Requirement
Operations and Maintenance Manual	
The O&M manual must include the following information:	
(1) Name, telephone number, fax number, mailing address,	173-240-080(1)
and e-mail address for the following:	O&M manual
(a) Operator;	
(b) Owner;	
(c) Design engineer;	
(d) Installer;	
(e) Electrician;	



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WAC 246-272B-04200	WAC Requirement
Operations and Maintenance Manual	
(f) Pumper;	
(g) Management entity;	
(h) Primary contact person for the management entity;	
and	
(i) Third party guarantor, if any.	
(2) Owner and operator responsibilities;	173-240-080(1), (4)(a) O&M manual
(3) Copies of LOSS legal documents including, but not	
limited to, the management contract;	
(4) LOSS information including:	173-240-080(4)(b), (c), (d), (e) O&M manual
(a) Narrative description of treatment and dispersal	
process and components;	
(b) LOSS flow diagram or schematic; and	
(c) Design criteria:	
(i) Number and type of units served;	
(ii) Design flow;	
(iii) Soil type and drainfield hydraulic loading rate;	
(iv) Sieve analysis, if any;	
(v) Drainfield capacity;	
(vi) Tank capacities; and	
(vii) Treatment component capacities.	
(5) Normal operation and maintenance procedures and	
schedules, including at a minimum:	
(a) Summary and schedule of permit conditions to be	173-240-080(4)(f), (i)
met;	O&M manual
(b) Flow metering reading;	
(c) Recommended component settings;	
(d) Process control information;	
(e) Periodic facilities inspection to verify efficiency of	
operation, adequacy of performance, and general	
condition of the equipment and components;	
(f) Periodic inspection of scum and sludge levels and the	
integrity of LOSS sewage tanks and tanks on	
individual lots and cleaning filters, pumping tanks, or	
making repairs as needed;	
(g) Periodic maintenance of pumps, motors, and switches;	
(h) Periodic calibration of sampling and measuring	
devices;	
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This Health Citation & Requirement: WAC 246-272B-04200	Satisfies This Ecology WAC Requirement
Operations and Maintenance Manual	WAC Kequitement
(i) Replacement or repair of worn or damaged	
equipment;	
(j) Methods that provide dosing and resting cycles for the	
drainfield; and	
(k) Other maintenance activities as needed, depending on	
the type of system.	
(6) Trouble-shooting guide listing possible failure and	
malfunction situations and responses to repair, replace, or	
modify LOSS components to restore LOSS function;	
(7) Abnormal operation procedures including, but not limited	173-240-080(4)(1)
to:	O&M manual
(a) Emergency contact information for the owner,	
management entity, operator, pumper, local health	
jurisdiction, department, and any contractors or	
maintenance provider; and	
(b) Emergency notification procedures to alert and advise	
customers, the department, and the local health	
jurisdiction.	
(8) Documentation of repairs;	
(9) Ongoing component testing methods and schedules;	172 240 000(4)(1)
(10) Recordkeeping procedures for the following:	173-240-080(4)(h) O&M manual
(a) Operator inspections;	
(b) Monitoring and sampling;	
(c) Routine and emergency maintenance;	
(d) Repairs;	
(e) Modifications; and	
(f) Annual reports.	
(11) Safety procedures, including where to find a copy of the	173-240-080(4)(j)
following Department of Labor and Industries rules:	O&M manual
(a) Chapter 296-809 WAC, Confined spaces;	
(b) Chapter 296-62 WAC, General occupational health	
standards;	
(c) Chapter 296-823 WAC, Occupational exposure to	
bloodborne pathogens; and	
(d) Chapter 296-803 WAC, Lockout/tagout (control of	
hazardous energy).	172 240 080(4)(4) (-)
(12) Electrical component information and wiring diagram for	173-240-080(4)(d), (e) O&M manual
alarms, panels, pumps, dosing controls;	Octivi manual



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WAC 246-272B-04200	WAC Requirement
Operations and Maintenance Manual	172 240 000(4)(1) ()
(13) Manufacturer cut sheets for all components requiring	173-240-080(4)(d), (e)
routine or periodic maintenance;	O&M manual
(14) Annual operating permit renewal schedule and fee	
schedule, including where to find the current application	
form;	
(15) Copies of the following LOSS documents:	
(a) Department approval letter of the engineering report,	
plans and specifications, and final O&M manual;	
(b) Current operating permit;	
(c) Construction completion report submitted with final	
O&M manual; and	
(d) LOSS record drawings submitted with final O&M	
manual showing the locations of all easements.	
(16) Initial component testing information submitted with the	
final O&M manual, including:	
(a) Tank water tightness testing results;	
(b) Pipe pressure testing results;	
(c) Pump chamber drawdown information; and	
(d) Drainfield squirt heights.	
(17) The final monitoring and reporting plan in its own section	
of the O&M manual that meets the requirements in WAC	
246-272B-04300 submitted with the final O&M manual;	
and	
(18) Any other information required by the department.	

This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-04300 Monitoring and Reporting Plan	WAC Requirement
At a minimum, the monitoring and reporting plan must	
include:	
(1) Constituents of the sewage or effluent that must be tested	
to assure that treatment components are meeting treatment	
level requirements, and to monitor groundwater or surface	
water:	
(a) As required by the department; and	
(b) For process control.	
(2) Values or ranges of values that must be met for the	
constituents listed in subsection (1) of this section;	



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WAC 246-272B-04300 Monitoring and Reporting Plan	WAC Requirement
(3) Sampling frequency, including time and day samples will	
be taken. Samples must be taken when maximum	
concentrations of contaminants are expected;	
(4) Procedures for decontaminating sampling equipment and	
sample ports;	
(5) Field test methods;	
(6) Sampling methods;	
(7) Well purging methods, if applicable;	
(8) Handling and labeling of containers;	
(9) Holding times;	
(10) Quality assurance and quality control procedures;	
(11) Transport of samples;	
(12) List of equipment that will be used for sampling and field	
testing;	
(13) Test method for each constituent;	
(14) Monitoring that will be performed by a proprietary	
treatment manufacturer or their agent as described in	
WAC 246-272B-04100 (1)(g)(v);	
(15) Map or schematics showing any monitoring wells and all	
sample points;	
(16) Plans and construction specifications for monitoring wells,	
monitoring points, and piezometers;	
(17) Response plan for abnormal or elevated sampling results	
which may include additional sampling, notification to the	
department, treatment, or other appropriate action;	
(18) Any report forms;	
(19) Procedures for submitting required monitoring results to	
the department; and	
(20) Procedures and schedules for recordkeeping.	

This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-04400 Plans and Specifications	WAC Requirement
(1) Construction plans and specifications must be clear and	173-240-070(1), (2), (3)
detailed documents. Hard copies must use a common	Plans & specifications
engineering drawing size of 22 x 34 inches, 24 x 36	
inches, or 11 x 17 inches.	
(2) Plans must include the following:	



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WAC 246-272B-04400 Plans and Specifications	WAC Requirement
(a) Design flow, treatment level, drainfield and tank	
sizing, and hydraulic loading rate;	
(b) LOSS schematic or flow diagram;	173-240-060(3)(i)
	Engineering Report
(c) Hydraulic profile of the LOSS; and	173-240-060(3)(i)
	Engineering Report
(d) Plan and profile views as applicable of all LOSS components.	
(3) Plan sets must be scaled to clearly show all necessary	
information and include the following:	
(a) A title sheet, plan and profile sheets, and other	
information that outlines and details the LOSS	
facilities design:	
(i) Title block indicating the project title, owner's	
name, date, seal and signature of the design	
engineer;	
(ii) Index to individual sheets;	
(iii) Vicinity map with project site location;	
(iv) Master site plan showing facilities served and	
general system layout; and	
(v) List of abbreviations, definitions, and symbols	
used within the plans.	
(b) A general statement that all work must be in	
conformance with the requirements of this chapter	
and other design and technical standards specified by	
the design engineer.	
(4) Plan sheets must be consecutively numbered and include,	
as appropriate:	
(a) A north arrow;	
(b) Description of scale in text and with a graphical bar;	
(c) A descriptive title and date;	
(d) Plan views;	
(e) Section views;	
(f) Profile views;	
(g) Elevations;	
(h) Easement and franchise locations and boundaries;	
(i) Component details;	
(j) General layout; and	
(k) Supplemental views.	



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WAC 246-272B-04400 Plans and Specifications	WAC Requirement
(5) Sewage tanks and other treatment component plans and	
specifications must:	
(a) Show location, dimensions, and elevations of all	
treatment and pumping units;	
(b) Include detailed plan and cross-section views with	
dimensions;	
(c) Include installation details including placement depth	
and bedding materials, and connections to the tank to	
minimize settling impacts;	
(d) Include a detailed standard plan, including any related	
electrical components, and installation requirements	
for tanks designed for individual lots;	
(e) Specify tank capacity, baffling, filters, risers and other	
appurtenances, liquid volume, emergency, scum and	
sludge volumes, float switch or other control	
component settings;	
(f) Identify manufacturer and model for prefabricated	
tanks; and	
(g) Include a statement that:	
(i) Any substitutions must be approved by the design	
engineer; and	
(ii) All prefabricated tanks must meet the	
requirements of chapter 246-272C WAC, On-site	
sewage system tanks.	
(6) Plans and specifications must include design and structural	
calculations and all necessary construction information for	
tanks constructed on-site.	
(7) Plans and specifications for collection and transmission	
piping must specify:	
(a) Pipe type, material and size;	
(b) Pipe elevations;	
(c) Depth from grade and slope if applicable;	
(d) Installation details including placement depth and	
bedding materials;	
(e) Location and detail for all cleanouts and other	
appurtenances;	
(f) Horizontal setbacks from all other utility piping; and	
(g) All water-sewer crossing detail and instructions.	
(8) Plans for the drainfield component must:	
(a) Use an appropriate scale of 1:50 or less;	



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WAC 246-272B-04400 Plans and Specifications	WAC Requirement
(b) Show plan view of trenches or beds in relation to site	
topography, showing contours on maximum two-foot	
intervals;	
(c) Show trench or bed:	
(i) Length;	
(ii) Separations;	
(iii) Pipe size, materials, and configuration; and	
(iv) Detail of orifice size, spacing and orientation.	
(d) Show locations of numbered test pits and test wells, if	
any, in relation to primary and reserve drainfields; and	
(e) Show trench or bed profile with width, depth, piping,	
cover and any features such as sand, gravel,	
geotextile, chambers.	
(9) Plans for alarm systems must:	
(a) Show location of panels and alarms; and	
(b) Identify manufacturer and model number of panel.	
(10) Plans for flow metering must show:	
(a) Valve locations;	
(b) Access boxes to grade; and	
(c) Any special installation instructions.	
(11) Plans must show all electrical components and include a	
statement that all components meet applicable state or	
federal codes.	
(12) Plan notes must include quality assurance, inspection, and	173-240-075 (Construction
testing:	quality assurance plan)
(a) Where appropriate, the installer shall provide	
documentation to the design engineer that sand or	
other media meets specifications;	
(b) The design engineer or authorized representative shall	
inspect the work during construction;	
(c) The design engineer shall schedule a final inspection	
and drainfield pressure test witnessed by the	
department prior to cover; and	
(d) The installer shall call for a special inspection for the	
following type of work:	
(i) Poured-in-place septic tanks and pump chambers	
and other special containment vessels;	
(ii) Proprietary treatment or distribution	
components;	
(iii) Any special excavation requirements;	



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WAC 246-272B-04400 Plans and Specifications	WAC Requirement
(iv) Placement of select fill material or final elevation	
of fill;	
(v) Testing of the pressure distribution network prior	
to final inspection;	
(vi) Pressure testing of all piping; and	
(vii) Water tightness testing of all tanks.	
(13) All LOSS construction specifications must be in	
conformance with state or nationally recognized standards.	
Examples include, American Public Works Association	
standards, Ten States Standards, Department of Ecology's	
Criteria for Sewage Works Design, Department of	
Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge,	
and Municipal Construction, and the department's	
recommended standards and guidance.	
(14) Specifications must include all construction information	
not shown on the plans and necessary to inform the	
installer of the design requirements including, but not	
limited to:	
(a) The quality of materials;	
(b) Workmanship and fabrication of the project;	
(c) Type, size, strength, operating characteristics, and	
rating of equipment;	
(d) Allowable leakage for testing gravity sewer pipe;	
(e) Electrical apparatus and wiring components;	
(f) Meters;	
(g) Operating tools;	
(h) Construction materials;	
(i) Special filter or drainfield media other than native	
soil;	
(j) Other appurtenances;	
(k) Instructions for testing materials and equipment as	
needed to meet design standards; and	
(l) LOSS component and process testing to confirm	
functionality prior to department final inspection.	



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This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-05400 Post-Construction Documentation	WAC Requirement
Post-construction documents must include the following:	173-240-090 (Declaration of
	construction completion)
(1) A LOSS construction completion report prepared by the	
design engineer that:	
(a) Is on a form provided by the department;	
(b) States the LOSS was constructed in substantial	
accordance with the approved plans and	
specifications; and	
(c) Notes changes from the approved plans and	
specifications, if any.	
(2) LOSS record drawings that:	
(a) Include one hard copy in a common engineering	
drawing size of 22 x 34 inches, 24 x 36 inches, or	
11 x 17 inches, and one copy in electronic format; and	
(b) Are scaled to clearly show all necessary information.	
(3) The final management plan that meets the requirements of	
WAC 246-272B-04100.	
(4) A final O&M manual for the installed LOSS that meets	
the requirements of WAC 246-272B-04200.	

This Health Citation & Requirement:	Satisfies This Ecology
WAC 246-272B-07200	WAC Requirement
Operator Qualifications and Responsibilities	
(1) Owners of LOSS using mechanical treatment or lagoons	173-240-100 (Requirement for
with design flow greater than 14,500 gpd shall employ one	certified operator)
or more operators certified according to chapter 173-230	
WAC, Certification of operators of wastewater treatment	
plants.	
(2) Owners of LOSS with design flow greater than 14,500 gpd	173-240-100 (Requirement for
not using mechanical treatment or lagoons shall employ	certified operator)
one or more operators approved by a local health	
jurisdiction in Washington state.	
(3) The operator of a LOSS using proprietary treatment shall	173-240-100 (Requirement for
be qualified to monitor and maintain that LOSS.	certified operator)
Examples of a qualified operator include someone who:	



This Health Citation & Requirement: WAC 246-272B-07200	Satisfies This Ecology WAC Requirement
Operator Qualifications and Responsibilities	-
(a) Has experience successfully operating a LOSS with similar technology;	
(b) Is an employee or authorized agent of the treatment component manufacturer;	
 (c) Is trained, authorized in writing by, and in good standing with the manufacturer of the proprietary treatment; 	
(d) Has education or certification in operating similar technology; or	
(e) Has other qualifications acceptable to the department.	



Requirements in Ecology WAC	Satisfies Health WAC 246-272B
173-240-050(3)	03000(8)(e)
173-240-050(3)(a)	03000(8)(a), (8)(f); 04000(4)(a)(i)
173-240-050(3)(b)	03000(8)(i); 04000(4)(a)(iii)
173-240-050(3)(c)	04000(4)(a)(iv)
173-240-050(3)(d)	03000(4)
173-240-050(3)(d)(i)	03000(3)
173-240-050(3)(d)(ii)	04000(4)(b)(v), (4)(h)(x)
173-240-050(3)(d)(iii)	04000(4)(h)(x)
173-240-050(3)(d)(iv)	04000(h)(x)
173-240-050(3)(d)(v)	04000(4)(h)(iv), (4)(h)(viii)
173-240-050(3)(d)(vi)	03200(5)(a); 04000(4)(h)(iii),
173-240-050(3)(d)(vii)	03000(8)(b); 04000(4)(b)(v), (4)(b)(vi), (4)(h)(x)
173-240-050(3)(e)	03000(8)(a)
173-240-050(3)(g)	04000(4)(m)(i)
173-240-050(3)(h)	04000(4)(m)(i)
173-240-050(3)(j)	03000(4)(g), (4)(h)
173-240-050(3)(k)	03000(8)(h); 04000(m)(iv)
173-240-050(3)(m)	04000(4)(d)
173-240-050(3)(n)	03000(13); 04000(4)(d), (4)(f)
173-240-060(3)	04000(4)(a)
173-240-060(3)(a)	03000(1); 04000(1), (4)(q)
173-240-060(3)(b)	04000(4)(g), (4)(h)(i)
173-240-060(3)(c)	03000(8)(g); 04000(4)(a)(v), (4)(a)(vi), (4)(b)(i), (4)(b)(ii)



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173-240-060(3)(d)	04000(4)(a)(vi), (4)(a)(viii), (4)(m)(ii)
173-240-060(3)(e)	04000(4)(j), (4)(k)
173-240-060(3)(f)	04000(4)(a)(viii), (4)(b)(iii)
173-240-060(3)(g)	04000(4)(m)(ii)
173-240-060(3)(h)	03000(4)(i); 03200(6)(e); 04000(4)(a)(viii), (4)(h)(vii)
173-240-060(3)(i)	04400(2)(b), (2)(c)
173-240-060(3)(k)	04000(4)(m)(iv)
173-240-060(3)(o)	03300(4)
173-240-060(3)(p)	04100(1)(c)(i), (1)(c)(ii)
173-240-060(4)(a)	03200(2), (5)(c); 04000(4)(a)(vii), (4)(o)(ii)
173-240-060(4)(b)	04000(4)(o)(ii)
173-240-060(4)(b)(i)	03200(5)(b), (5)(d), (6)(g)
173-240-060(4)(b)(ii)	03200(5)(f)
173-240-060(4)(b)(iii)	03300(3)(a); 04000(4)(i)
173-240-060(4)(c)	03000(8)(f); 04000(4)(c)(ii)
173-240-060(4)(d)	03200(6)(d)
173-240-060(4)(o)	04000(4)(p)
173-240-070(1)	04400(1)
173-240-070(2)	04400(1)
173-240-070(3)	04400(1)
173-240-075	04400(12)
173-240-075(2)(a)	04000(4)(s)
173-240-075(2)(f)	04000(4)(s)
173-240-080(1)	04200(1), (2)
173-240-080(4)(a)	04200(2)
173-240-080(4)(b)	04200(4)



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173-240-080(4)(c)	04200(4)
173-240-080(4)(d)	04200(4), (12), (13)
173-240-080(4)(e)	04200(4), (12), (13)
173-240-080(4)(f)	04200(5)(a)
173-240-080(4)(h)	04200(10)
173-240-080(4)(i)	04200(5)(a)
173-240-080(4)(j)	04200(11)
173-240-080(4)(1)	04200(7)
173-240-090	05400(1), (2), (3), (4)
173-240-100	07200(1), (2), (3)