WAC 246-272A-0001 Purpose, objectives, and authority. (1) The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health by minimizing:

(a) The potential for public exposure to sewage from on-site sewage systems (OSS); and

(b) Adverse effects to public health that discharges from OSS may have on ground and surface waters.

(2) This chapter regulates the location, design, installation, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of OSS to:

(a) Achieve effective long-term sewage treatment and effluent dispersal; and

(b) Limit the discharge of contaminants to waters of the state.

(3) The state board of health is authorized under RCW 43.20.050 to establish minimum requirements for the department of health and local boards of health, and consistent with RCW 43.70.310 integrating the preservation of public health with protection of the environment in order to endorse policies in common.

(4) This chapter is intended to coordinate with other applicable statutes and rules for the design of OSS under chapter 18.210 RCW and chapter 196-33 WAC.

(5) This chapter is intended to coordinate with other applicable statutes for land use planning under chapters 36.70 and 36.70A RCW, and the statutes for subdivision of land under chapter 58.17 RCW.

(6) The local health officer may designate low-lying marine shorelines in their jurisdiction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050(3), 43.20.065, chapters 70A.105 and 70A.110 RCW. WSR 24-06-046, § 246-272A-0001, filed 3/1/24, effective 4/1/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 05-15-119, § 246-272A-0001, filed 7/18/05, effective 9/15/05.]