

**WAC 246-272C-0001 Purpose and objectives.** (1) **Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to protect public health and safety by assuring proper design and construction of all tanks used in on-site sewage systems. Proper sewage tank design and construction will help prevent:

(a) Surface or groundwater leaking into tanks and adversely impacting the treatment and dispersal functions of system components; and

(b) Sewage from tanks leaking into the soil and adversely impacting groundwater or surface water, or causing sewage to surface on the ground.

(2) **Objectives.** This chapter establishes requirements and provides measures to achieve effective long-term sewage treatment and limit the discharge of contaminants to waters of the state. The objectives include:

(a) Establishing design and construction standards;

(b) Requiring department review and approval of design and construction plans for prefabricated tanks and cast-in-place tanks; and

(c) Creating a process to register prefabricated tank sizes and models built from approved design and construction plans.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 (2) and (3). WSR 09-23-119, § 246-272C-0001, filed 11/18/09, effective 12/19/09.]