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Good Afternoon Jocelyn-

The Edison LOSS sub-area board is/was in the process of sending comments to this WAC undergoing changes. Those of us that work with LOSS systems believes there should be a new category for this type of system, as a septic Operations and Maintenance local jurisdiction certified individual is best qualified to handle this type of system. When we had a municipal operator on the Edison LOSS to much went wrong or was overlooked by that municipal operator that was not familiar with a large on-site septic or septic systems period. The pre-treatment STEP tanks were not maintained, the filters weren't cleaned and the gravel filter was not checked or cleaned as needed for the lines. Please add another category addressing STEP LOSS systems operators as the LOSS is not a municipal system and does not get fees from a large service area.

The Edison system was put in to address Ecology's requirement to clean up water quality in the bays. It was also installed as a repair. Because the laws have changed since then (1996) why are the closed service area users of the LOSS being penalized for repairs that they have paid for. They can't change the water table, they are limited on the service area to absorb required budget increases, and are small systems. Loss systems do not have the resources that municipal system do.

Thank you-Alison Mohns

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