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Hello,

Here are some minor edits and suggestions to consider from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at the Department of Health. We appreciate the opportunity to have been involved early in the review of the plan and to offer these final comments. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to if there are any remaining questions.

**2.1.4 On-Site Sewage Systems (pg. 23)**

* Pg 23, suggest replacing “bad system design” with “poor system design or installation”
* Remove “small” from reference to OSS in sub heading and second last paragraph of page 23
* Add reference to 70A.105 RCW in regulations listed under OSS sub-heading
* In footnote 23: *Small on-site sewage systems (OSS) are those sewage systems that have flows of less than 3,500 gallons per day. See Chapter 246-272A WAC.* 
  + *Should read “have design flows”*
* On page 24, second sentence of the 4th paragraph, in the following sentence: *Owners are required to get regular system inspections to determine whether their system is properly functioning, identify any maintenance needs, and to evaluate compliance with regulations and any permits,* consider removing highlighted portion as many inspections do not do this.
* In Footnote 25, the Onsite Sewage Program is missing “System” after Sewage and before Program
* On page 25 – in sentence under bulleted text, suggest replacing “higher” with “more stringent.” (*For most Puget Sound counties, requirements are higher and tracked more closely inside designated areas than in other parts of the county. Efforts continue at the State Department of Health and LHJs to strengthen and standardize both baseline and enhanced program requirements.)*
* Revised weblink for footnote 26 (page 25)*: https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/wastewater-management/site-sewage-systems-oss/management-strategy/puget-sound-local-management-plan-funding*

Best,

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