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See Also:

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RM PRO 3008 - 06 Wetland and Critical Fish & Wildlife Habitat Area Review Requirements for Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Applications

This procedure applies to the Wetland and Critical Fish and Wildlife Habitat Area Application review process for Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Applications. This procedure is established under the provision of PCC 18E.30 – Wetlands and PCC 18E.40 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department applications are subject to the Review Requirements of Title 18E.

The installation of septic facilities and wells is a regulated activity as defined in Section 18E.20.020.

Review under Title 18E is required for Submittal of an Application to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) regulations require that critical area review and approval be issued prior to the approval of a septic or well application. The need for review will be based upon the Critical Areas checklist submitted as part of every TPCHD application. If the checklist identifies the presence of wetland or fish and wildlife indicators, then the applicant will need to complete wetland or fish and wildlife review through Pierce County Planning and Land Services (PALS).

Exception: Wetland review will not be required if the proposed project is located greater than 315 feet from any identified wetland indicator. Neither Wetland review nor Fish and Wildlife review will be required if an exemption from Section 18E.20.030 is found to apply.

An applicant wishing to determine if either Exception applies must provide to the Biologist of the Day a copy of the on-site sewage/well system design, stamped, dated and signed by a Licensed Septic System Designer. The Biologist of the Day is located at the Development Center at the Pierce County Annex.



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When the Biologist of the Day determines that review is not required, the Biologist will make a comment to that effect upon the face of the septic or well site plan or will prepare a memo for the applicant noting that review is not needed along with the reason for said decision. The applicant will provide this comment to the TPCHD.

Review of TPCHD applications will be Completed by Pierce County Planning and Land Services

When it is determined that no exception applies and review is required, PALS will process wetland and critical fish and wildlife habitat area applications through the provisions of Section 18E.30.030 Wetland Review Procedures and 18E.40.030 – Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area Review Procedures.

Exception: PALS will omit the standard review requirement that a parent application, such as a site development or building permit, be made in conjunction with the septic or well application. Septic and well applications will be accepted without a parent application. An on-site sewage/well system design, stamped, dated and signed by a Licensed Septic System Designer must be provided as part of the application.