

Appendix C - Glossary of Terms

See also the definitions in [WAC 173-308 080](#)⁹.

Active biosolids management facility: Facilities that sell, give away or apply biosolids to the land. Facilities that only store or treat biosolids in surface impoundments, only send biosolids to another facility for further treatment, or that only dispose of biosolids, do not have active management programs.

Active septage management facility: Facilities that treat and/or apply ONLY septage to the land. Businesses that only deliver septage to an active septage management facility, and that only service onsite wastewater systems and similar devices, do not have active programs.

Beneficial use facility: A receiving-only facility consisting of a site or sites where biosolids from other treatment works treating domestic sewage are applied to the land for beneficial use, which has been permitted as a treatment works treating domestic sewage in accordance with the provisions of [WAC 173-308-310](#)⁷, and that has been designated as a beneficial use facility through the permitting process.

First-generation exceptional quality biosolids: Exceptional quality biosolids produced from the treatment of non-exceptional quality biosolids, and meeting all standards for Class A pathogen reduction, vector attraction reduction, and pollutant concentration. Standards must be met at the time EQ biosolids are distributed or made into a second-generation product.

Public contact site: Land with a high potential for contact by the public. This includes, but is not limited to, public parks, ball fields, cemeteries, plant nurseries, turf farms, and golf courses.

Second-generation exceptional quality biosolids products: Products that blend first-generation EQ biosolids with other materials to make products like manufactured soil or compost. Further monitoring and testing of second-generation products against biosolids standards is not required. **Septage or domestic septage:** Liquid or solid material removed from septic tanks, cess pools, portable toilets, type III marine sanitation devices, vault toilets, pit toilets, RV holding tanks, or similar systems that receive only domestic sewage. Septage may also include commercial or industrial septage mixed with domestic septage if approved in accordance with the provisions in [WAC 173-308-020\(3\)\(g\)](#)⁴³.

Septage managed as biosolids originating from sewage sludge: Septage treated and managed as biosolids originating from a wastewater treatment plant.

Septage management facility: A facility that treats and/or applies septage to the land.

Sewage Sludge: Solid, semisolid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to, domestic septage;

⁴³ <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-308-020>

