Policy #14: Dispersal Bed Waiver Criteria for Type 4 Soils and Width

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish the minimum criteria that shall be met for the consideration for the use of a dispersal bed in Type 4 Soils.

Policy: Although WAC 246-272A-0234(3)(c) specifically restricts the use of beds to Soil Types 1 – 3 and with a maximum width of 10 feet, local experience in Kitsap County has shown that dispersal beds can function as intended in soils typically classified as Type 4, and to widths of 12 feet, under certain conditions. It shall be the policy of the Health Officer to allow the development and submittal of a Class C Waiver for a dispersal bed in Type 4 soils and/or up to widths of up to 12 feet under the following conditions:

1. The dispersal bed shall be time-dosed and pressurized;
2. The effluent quality being discharged to the bed shall meet or exceed Treatment Performance Level E;
3. The system owner shall meet the monitoring and maintenance requirements of Section 13 of Ordinance.