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Pump Truck Self Inspection Program

Implementation Memorandum

Date: October 19, 2026
To: Certified OSS Pumpers
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Effective: 2027 certification year

Public Health - Seattle & King County has approved permanent implementation of the Pump Truck Self-Inspection Program. Beginning with the 2027 certification year, eligible pump trucks will alternate between self-inspections and traditional in-person inspections.

Inspection schedule

Certification year	Inspection method
2027	Self-inspection for eligible trucks; an in-person inspection may be elected or required.
2028	In-person inspection.

The inspection methods will continue to alternate in subsequent certification years.

Self inspection requirements

During a designated self-inspection year, operators must complete the following steps through the program's digital submission platform:

1. Review and confirm the vehicle information and is on record using the Public Health Permit Center
2. Complete inspection form upload the required photographs using this link → https://kingcounty.jotform.com/form/SelfInspection
3. Attest that the submission is complete and accurate and complies with the Code of Performance and Ethics.
4. Complete any corrections requested by Public Health. An in-person inspection may be required when a concern cannot be verified remotely.

Public Health will review each submission for completeness and consistency. Inspection stickers (tabs) will be mailed after the submission is accepted and any required corrections are completed. The program's target for mailing renewal stickers is the end of the first quarter of the certification year.

When a physical inspection may be required

Public Health may require an in-person inspection during a self-inspection year when any of the following apply:

- A truck is newly added to a hauler's fleet or has been materially modified in a way that cannot be adequately verified through the standard submission.
- Required information or photographs are missing, unclear, contradictory, or otherwise insufficient.
- A complaint, field observation, or other compliance concern warrants direct verification.
- Prior compliance findings indicate that additional verification is appropriate.
- A vehicle is selected for a random or risk-based audit.

• The operator does not correct identified deficiencies as required.

Audits and compliance

Public Health will conduct quarterly random audits, including unannounced visits to the Renton Wastewater Treatment Facility, the yard where the truck is housed, along with risk-based audits and complaint-based inspections. Operators must make vehicles available for any required inspection.

Discrepancies will be documented and addressed through correction, reinspection, or an in-person inspection, depending on their nature. Serious, repeated, or knowingly inaccurate submissions will be addressed through existing compliance and enforcement procedures under the Code of Performance and Ethics. Repeat violators will be removed from the self-inspection program and required to undergo in-person inspections in the future.

Operator responsibilities

Operators must continue to maintain required equipment and sanitary conditions, submit complete and accurate information, and complete requested corrections. Required submissions and inspections must be completed by the annual December 31 deadline. Participation in self-inspections does not waive existing requirements or limit Public Health's inspection authority.

Program guidance and evaluation

Public Health will provide the final submission requirements, photo instructions, and program guidance before launch. We will review implementation by the end of the first quarter and evaluate the program annually using submission completion, audit findings, compliance outcomes, and operator feedback.

Please contact me with questions about the inspection schedule or self-inspection requirements.