

Subject: Re: WSHS and Ecology PE License Interpretation

From: "Washington State Hydrogeological Society" <Washington.State.Hydrogeological.Society@protonmail.com>

Date: 8/25/2026, 11:03 PM

To: "Tim Reiersen" <tim@water-consultant.com>

Thank you for your messages on July 25 and August 15. This note confirms receipt, and we appreciate you reaching out with thoughtful questions about the Washington State Hydrogeological Society (WSHS).

WSHS is a professional, member-driven organization representing hydrogeologists, groundwater scientists, and engineers engaged in hydrogeologic practice across Washington. The Society has existed in various forms for more than two decades, originally as an informal professional network and later as a structured statewide association. Its current form reflects a renewed emphasis on professional standards, regulatory clarity, and advocacy on issues affecting hydrogeologic practice.

Membership is open to practicing hydrogeologists, licensed engineers whose work includes hydrogeologic analysis, groundwater specialists, and other professionals in related fields. The process is straightforward: prospective members submit a short professional background statement, confirm their practice area, and agree to the Society's professional standards. There are no umbrella affiliations with national organizations; WSHS is intentionally independent so it can focus on Washington-specific regulatory and licensing issues.

The Society's recent press release was issued in response to Ecology's July 2026 reinterpretation of hydrogeologic practice. That reinterpretation has significant implications for engineers, Water Conservancy Boards, and public agencies statewide. Your open letter has been circulated among our leadership, and yes—we have read it. Your perspective as a practicing PE with long experience in groundwater work is directly relevant to the concerns raised by many of our members.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Best regards,

Washington State Hydrogeological Society

On Saturday, August 15th, 2026 at 7:52 AM, Tim Reiersen <tim@water-consultant.com> wrote:

Please confirm receipt. Thank you.

On 7/25/2026 5:32 PM, Tim Reiersen wrote:

Good afternoon,

I was forwarded the Society's July 20 press release. Can you tell me more about the WSHS or point me to a webpage? I'd like to know how long the society has been around, membership process, affiliations with any umbrella organizations, that kind of thing. I expect you've seen my open letter on this topic?

Thank you,

Tim

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