

**WAC 246-292-040 Classification of public water systems.** The department shall classify water treatment plants and distribution systems.

(1) Water treatment plants.

(a) Water treatment plants are classified according to the point system in the ABC "*Purification Plant Criteria*" publication (October 2007) and are in Table 1.

**Table 1  
Water Treatment Plant Classification**

Total Points Assigned	Water Treatment Plant Classification
Less than 31	Class 1
31 to 55	Class 2
56 to 75	Class 3
More than 75	Class 4

(b) The scope of water treatment plant processes include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Water filtration;
- (ii) Ion exchange;
- (iii) Electrodialysis;
- (iv) Reverse osmosis; or
- (v) Inorganic contaminant removal.

(c) The scope of a water treatment plant does not include unit processes installed for:

- (i) In-line fluoridation;
- (ii) In-line chlorination; or
- (iii) Chemical addition to inhibit corrosion.

(2) Distribution systems are classified according to the population served from a public water system's WFI form and are in Table 2.

**Table 2  
Distribution Systems Classification**

Population Served	Distribution System Classification
Less than 251	Class S
251 to 1,500	Class 1
1,501 to 15,000	Class 2
15,001 to 50,000	Class 3
More than 50,000	Class 4

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