

Voluntary Inspection and Assessment Report

Voluntary Inspection and Assessment of an Existing Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System

Property Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: Florida Zip: _____

I have ownership, control or use of the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system at the property listed above and request an inspection except for the items I have initialed to request that they be excluded.

Signature of requestor: _____

Printed name of requestor: _____

Tank Inspection:

Owner's initials to request that the tank inspection NOT be included

- ☐ The tank has been pumped and capacity is: _____ gallons.
- ☐ I have waived the pumping requirement because proof of a tank pumping, permitted new installation, permitted repair, or permitted modification can be documented within the previous five years, and the document states the capacity of the tank and that the condition of the tank does not constitute a sanitary nuisance.

My visual inspection of the tank when the tank was empty detected the following cracks, leaks, or other defects: _____

Baffles or tees are intact and secure: ☐ yes ☐ no

Outlet device ☐ present ☐ not present

Condition: _____

Effluent filters ☐ present ☐ not present

Condition: _____

Compartment walls ☐ present ☐ not present

Condition: _____

Structural defects in the tank: _____

Condition and fit of the tank lid, including manholes: _____

☐ The tank, in my professional opinion, is in danger of being damaged by leaving the tank empty after inspection, and was refilled with water prior to concluding the inspection.

Drainfield Inspection:

Owner's initials to request that the drainfield inspection NOT be included.

I have probed the drainfield area to determine its location and approximate size. Drainfield size: _____ sq. ft.

Describe drainfield location: _____

Drainfield configuration: ☐ Bed ☐ Trench

Drainfield is made of: ☐ Mineral Aggregate ☐ Non-mineral aggregate

☐ Plastic chambers. Indications of previous failure: _____

Is there ponded water within the drainfield? ☐ yes ☐ no

Is there even distribution of effluent in the field? ☐ yes ☐ no

Are there downspouts or drains that encroach or drain into the drainfield area? ☐ yes ☐ no

Based on augering and examining soils in the area of the drainfield, the estimated seasonal high water table in the area of the drainfield is: _____ inches ☐ above ☐ below the bottom of the drainfield.

Pump, Siphon, Alarm Inspection:

Owner's initials to request that pumps, siphons and alarms NOT be inspected.

Dosing tank integrity: _____ Approximate volume of dosing tank: _____

Material used in construction of the dosing tank (i.e., concrete, fiberglass, plastic): _____

Is the pump elevated off the bottom of the chamber? ☐ yes ☐ no

Pump operational status: _____

If there is a check valve, is a purge hole present? ☐ yes ☐ no

Type of alarm (☐ audio ☐ visual ☐ both) Location of alarm: _____

Does the alarm work? ☐ yes ☐ no

Do electrical connections appear satisfactory? ☐ yes ☐ no

Can surface water infiltrate into the tank? ☐ yes ☐ no

Was the pump tank pumped out? ☐ yes ☐ no

Assessment:

In my professional opinion, the system ☐ is ☐ is not a sanitary nuisance through:

- ☐ allowing the discharge of untreated or improperly treated human waste.
- ☐ the improperly built or maintained sewage treatment tank.
- ☐ the creation, maintenance or causing of any condition capable of breeding flies, mosquitoes or any other arthropods capable of transmitting diseases directly or indirectly to humans.

The following maintenance needs to be performed on the system: _____

Disclosure Statements:

☐ I detected cracks, leaks, improper fit or other defects in the tank, manholes or lid. The following damaged or defective item or tank must be properly corrected: _____

☐ I detected missing or damaged components of the system. The following missing or damaged component must be replaced or an approvable replacement must be reinstalled in the system: _____

☐ I detected the following previous failure indicators: _____

☐ I detected ponding of the drainfield or uneven distribution of effluent. The extent of the ponding or uneven distribution is as follows: _____

☐ I detected the following downspouts or other stormwater or other source of water directed toward the system and they should be re-directed away from the system: _____

☐ I detected the seasonal high water table at or above the elevation of the drainfield. There is an increased probability of system malfunction due to the presence of groundwater at these levels.

☐ I detected the following condition or situation existing on the site at the time of the inspection that, in my opinion, would possibly interfere with or restrict any future repair or modification to the existing system: _____

I am a ☐ master septic tank contractor ☐ registered septic tank contractor ☐ state-licensed plumber ☐ certified environmental health professional.

Inspection date: _____

Inspector's signature: _____

Inspector's printed name: _____

Inspector's address: _____

This report is required to be accompanied by a copy of the Procedure for Voluntary Inspection and Assessment of Existing Systems.

Procedure for Voluntary Inspection and Assessment of Existing Systems, May, 2000

Authority: 381.0065(3)(a), Florida Statutes
Incorporated: 64E-6.001(5), Florida Administrative Code

These inspection procedures are intended to be used as a minimum standard when these types of inspections are performed.

This procedure shall be used if a person having ownership of, control of, or use of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system requests to have the system inspected due to a reason that is not related to an increase in sewage flow or change in sewage characteristics, or failure of the system.

(1) Inspection Procedures: All inspection procedures used by the inspector shall be documented. Unless the person requesting the inspection specifies in writing that parts of the inspection be omitted, the inspection shall include a tank inspection, a drainfield inspection, and a written assessment of the condition of the system. At any time where the inspector finds that the system is in failure, or has been in failure, the inspector may choose to terminate the inspection and inform the owner of the findings.

(2) Tank Inspection (when not omitted at the written instruction of the person requesting the inspection): The tank must be pumped to determine its capacity. Where proof of a tank pumping, permitted new installation or permitted repair or permitted modification can be documented within the previous three years, and where the document states the capacity of the tank and that the condition of the tank does not constitute a sanitary nuisance, the inspector may waive the pumping requirement. Visual inspection of the tank must be made when the tank is empty to detect cracks, leaks, or other defects. Check baffles or tees to ensure they are intact and secure. Note the presence and condition of outlet device, effluent filters and compartment walls. Note any structural defects in the tank. Note the condition and fit of the tank lid, including manholes. If the tank, in the professional opinion of the inspector, is in danger of being damaged by leaving the tank empty after inspection, the tank will be refilled with water prior to concluding the inspection.

(3) Drainfield Inspection (when not omitted at the written instruction of the person requesting the inspection): The drainfield area should be probed to determine its location and approximate size. Note whether the drainfield is a trench or bed configuration and whether it is made of mineral aggregate, non-mineral aggregate, or plastic chambers. In addition, note any indications of previous failure, the condition of surface vegetation, for example, is there any seepage visible or excessively lush vegetation? If so, the inspector should note if there is ponding water within the drainfield and if there is even distribution of effluent in the field. The inspection should note any downspouts or drains that encroach or drain into the drainfield area. Auger and examine soils to estimate the seasonal high water table in the area of the drainfield.

(4) Where the system contains pumps, siphons, alarms, the following minimum information is required when not omitted at the written instruction of the person requesting the inspection:

- (a) dosing tank integrity, approximate volume and material used in construction (i.e., concrete, fiberglass, plastic)
- (b) pump elevated off the bottom of the chamber
- (c) pump operational status
- (d) If there is a check valve, is a purge hole present?
- (e) Is there a high water alarm present
- (f) Type of alarm (audio/ visual/both) and the location
- (g) Does the alarm work?
- (h) Do electrical connections appear satisfactory?
- (i) Can surface water infiltrate into the tank?
- (j) Indicate whether the pump tank was pumped out.

(5) Assessment The inspector shall provide a copy of a written signed inspection report to the person requesting the assessment and the owner of the system. The front cover of the report shall indicate whether the system is or is not, in the professional opinion of the inspector:

- (a) a sanitary nuisance through:
 - 1. allowing the discharge of untreated or improperly treated human waste.
 - 2. the improperly built or maintained sewage treatment tank.
 - 3. the creation, maintenance or causing of any condition capable of breeding flies, mosquitoes or any other arthropods capable of transmitting diseases directly or indirectly to humans.
- (b) The report will indicate any maintenance that needs to be performed on the system.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The following conditions, when determined during the course of an inspection, shall be disclosed using the appropriate disclosure statement(s) below. When the person requesting the inspection has made written specification that portions of the inspection be omitted, the inspector's written report shall indicate any of the conditions that could not be properly assessed because of the limited scope of the inspection.

- 1. When the inspector detects cracks, leaks, improper fit or other defects in the tank, manholes or lid; the report shall state that the damaged or defective item or tank be properly corrected.
- 2. When the inspector detects any missing or damaged component of the system, the report shall state that the missing or damaged component be replaced or an approvable replacement reinstalled in the system.
- 3. When the inspector detects previous failure indicators, these should be documented in the report.
- 4. When the inspector detects ponding of the drainfield or uneven distribution of effluent, documentation of the extent of such ponding or uneven distribution shall be included in the report.
- 5. When the inspector detects downspouts or other stormwater or other source of water directed toward the system, the report shall state that these sources be re-directed away from the system.
- 6. When the inspector detects the seasonal high water table at or above the elevation of the drainfield, the report shall state that there is an increased probability of system malfunction due to the presence of groundwater at these levels.
- 7. Any condition or situation existing on the site at the time of the inspection that, in the opinion of the inspector, would possibly interfere with or restrict any future repair or modification to the existing system shall be included in the report.

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