# **Inspect Minnesota & Midwest Soil Testing**

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SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TRI	EATMENT SYSTEM (	SSTS) COMPLIANCE REPORT			
<b>Date:</b> February 10, 2016	<b>Time:</b> 12:00 PM	Owner: Duane Anderson			
Inspection Address: 15077 Afton Hills Dr S, Afton, MN Site Conditions: 6" Snow 8" Frost					

#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

I have performed an "MPCA Compliance Inspection" on this system, have reviewed the history of the system with the owner, Duane Anderson, and have reviewed the original design/permit records, which were in the owner's possession. This older system (installed in 1987) consists of a pre-cast septic tank and a rock trench drainfield.

Although not a compliance criteria, it should be noted that the outlet baffle on the septic tank is missing and should be replaced when possible.

Predicated on my inspection of the system, my review of the history of the system with the owner, and my review of the original design/permit records, it is my opinion that this system presently meets MPCA minimum compliance inspection requirements.

Inspect Minnesota and Midwest Soil Testing have been hired to perform a compliance inspection of this SSTS for compliance with local ordinances pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115.55 (2013). This compliance inspection covers only the criteria required by Minn. Stat. § 115.55 Subd. 5a (2013) and Minn. R. 7080.1500 (2011). A compliance inspection is an indication of the current compliance status of the system and does not guarantee the performance or longevity of this system beyond the date of inspection, as it is impossible to determine the future performance of any system. Inspect Minnesota and Midwest Soil Testing disclaim any use of this compliance inspection beyond determining SSTS compliance pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115.55 Subd. 5a (2013) and Minn. R. 7080.1500 (2011).

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Brian Humpal Brian Humpal

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155-4194	•	<b>ce Inspection Form</b> <b>e Sewage Treatment Systems</b> (SSTS) Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement				
<b>Instructions:</b> Inspection results based on Minneso requirements and attached forms – additional local r	<b>3 ,</b> ( ,	For local tracking purposes:				
Submit completed form to Local Unit of Govern within 15 days	ment (LUG) and system owner					
System Status System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 2/	/10/2016					
Compliant – Certificate of Com (Valid for 3 years from report date, unles frame outlined in Local Ordinance.)		npliant – Notice of Noncompliance rade Requirements on page 3)				
Reason(s) for noncompliance (check	all applicable)					
☐ Impact on Public Health (Compliance	• •					
Other Compliance Conditions (Compli						
Tank Integrity (Compliance Componer Other Compliance Conditions (Compliance)	, <b>.</b>					
Other Compliance Conditions (Compliance Component #3) – Failing to protect groundwater Soil Separation (Compliance Component #4) – Failing to protect groundwater						

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#### **Property Information**

Parcel	ID# or	Sec/Twp/Range:	
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Property address: 1507	7 Afton Hills Dr S, Afton, MN 55001	Reason for inspection:	Property Sale
Property owner: Duane	Anderson	Owner's phone: 651-4	436-5648
or			
Owner's representative:		Representative phone:	
Local regulatory authority:	Washington County	Regulatory authority pho	one: 651-430-4052
Brief system description:	Pre-cast septic tank and a rock trench drainfield		
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Comments or recommendations:

201 System.

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#### Certification

I hereby certify that all the necessary information has been gathered to determine the compliance status of this system. No determination of future system performance has been nor can be made due to unknown conditions during system construction, possible abuse of the system, inadequate maintenance, or future water usage.

Inspector name:	Brian Humpal	Certification number:	L5342
Business name:	Inspect Minnesota, Midwest Soil Testing	License number:	L2896
Inspector signature	: Brian Humpal	Phone number:	651-492-7550

#### **Necessary or Locally Required Attachments**

🖂 Soil boring logs	🛛 System/As-built drawing	Forms per local ordinance
Other information (list):	Report Summary, Property Informatic	on, Disclaimer, License

#### 1. Impact on Public Health – Compliance component #1 of 5

# Compliance criteria: System discharge sewage to the ground surface. System discharge sewage to drain tile or surface waters. System cause sewage backup into dwelling or establishment.

#### Any "yes" answer above indicates the system is an Imminent Threat to Public Health and Safety.

Comments/Explanation:

None of the above found.

#### Verification method(s):

- Searched for surface outlet
- Searched for seeping in yard/backup in home
- Excessive ponding in soil system/D-boxes
- Homeowner testimony (See Comments/Explanation)
- "Black soil" above soil dispersal system
- System requires "emergency" pumping
- Performed dye test
- Unable to verify (See Comments/Explanation)
- Other methods not listed (See Comments/Explanation)

#### 2. Tank Integrity - Compliance component #2 of 5

#### **Compliance criteria:**

System consists of a seepage pit, cesspool, drywell, or leaching pit.	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
Seepage pits meeting 7080.2550 may be compliant if allowed in local ordinance.	
Sewage tank(s) leak below their designed operating depth.	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
If yes, which sewage tank(s) leaks:	

# Any "yes" answer above indicates the system is Failing to Protect Groundwater.

#### Verification method(s):

- Probed tank(s) bottom
- Examined construction records
- Examined Tank Integrity Form (Attach)
- Observed liquid level below operating depth
- Examined empty (pumped) tanks(s)
- Probed outside tank(s) for "black soil"
- Unable to verify (See Comments/Explanation)
- Other methods not listed (See Comments/Explanation)

Comments/Explanation:

Lowered underwater camera into tank - tank walls OK.

Although not a compliance criteria, it should be noted that the outlet baffle on the septic tank is missing and should be replaced when possible.

#### 3. Other Compliance Conditions - Compliance component #3 of 5

- a. Maintenance hole covers are damaged, cracked, unsecured, or appear to structurally unsound. 🗌 Yes\* 🛛 No 📋 Unknown
- b. Other issues (electrical hazards, etc.) to immediately and adversely impact public health or safety.  $\Box$  Yes\*  $\boxtimes$  No  $\Box$  Unknown \*System is an imminent threat to public health and safety

Explain:

c. System is non-protective of ground water for other conditions as determined by inspector □ Yes\* ⊠ No **\*System is failing to protect groundwater** 

Explain:

#### **4. Soil Separation** – Compliance component #4 of 5

Date of installation: 1987	Unknown	Verification method(s):		
Shoreland/Wellhead protection/Food Beverage Lodging?	🗌 Yes 🖾 No	Soil observation does not expire. Pr observations by two independent pa		
Compliance criteria:	1	unless site conditions have been alt		
For systems built prior to April 1, 1996, and not located in Shoreland or Wellhead Protection Area or not serving a food, beverage or lodging establishment: Drainfield has at least a two-foot vertical separation distance from periodically	🖾 Yes 🗌 No	requirements differ.         Conducted soil observation(s) (A         Two previous verifications (Attac         Not applicable (Holding tank(s), not         Unable to verify (See Comments/R	h boring logs) o drainfield) Explanation)	
saturated soil or bedrock.		Other (See Comments/Explanation)	)	
Non-performance systems built April 1, 1996, or later or for non-performance systems located in Shoreland or Wellhead Protection Areas or serving a food, beverage, or lodging establishment:	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> Reviewed design and permit records	S.	
Drainfield has a three-foot vertical separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.*				
"Experimental", "Other", or "Performance"	□ Yes □ No	Indicate depths of elevations	Indicate depths of elevations	
systems built under pre-2008 Rules; Type IV or V systems built under 2008 Rules (7080. 2350 or 7080.2400 (Advanced Inspector License required)		A. Bottom of distribution media	See Attached Boring Log(s)	
Drainfield meets the designed vertical		B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock		
separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.		C. System separation		
		D. Required compliance separation*		
Any "no" answer above indicates t Failing to Protect Groundwater.	he system is	*May be reduced up to 15 percent ifOrdinance.	allowed by Loca	
Operating Permit and Nitrogen B	<b>MP*</b> – Compliand	ce component #5 of 5 🛛 🔀 Not appl	icable	
Is the system operated under an Operating Per	mit? 🗌 Yes	No If "yes", A below is required		
Is the system required to employ a Nitrogen BM				
BMP=Best Management Practice(s) specif				
If the answer to both questions is "no",	•	•		
Compliance criteria		-		

a.	Operating Permit number: Have the Operating Permit requirements been met?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
b.	Is the required nitrogen BMP in place and properly functioning?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No

#### Any "no" answer indicates Noncompliance.

**Upgrade Requirements** (*Minn. Stat.* § 115.55) *An imminent threat to public health and safety (ITPHS) must be upgraded, replaced, or its use discontinued within ten months of receipt of this notice or within a shorter period if required by local ordinance. If the system is failing to protect ground water, the system must be upgraded, replaced, or its use discontinued within the time required by local ordinance. If an existing system is not failing as defined in law, and has at least two feet of design soil separation, then the system need not be upgraded, replaced, or its use discontinued, notwithstanding any local ordinance that is more strict. This provision does not apply to systems in shoreland areas, Wellhead Protection Areas, or those used in connection with food, beverage, and lodging establishments as defined in law.* 

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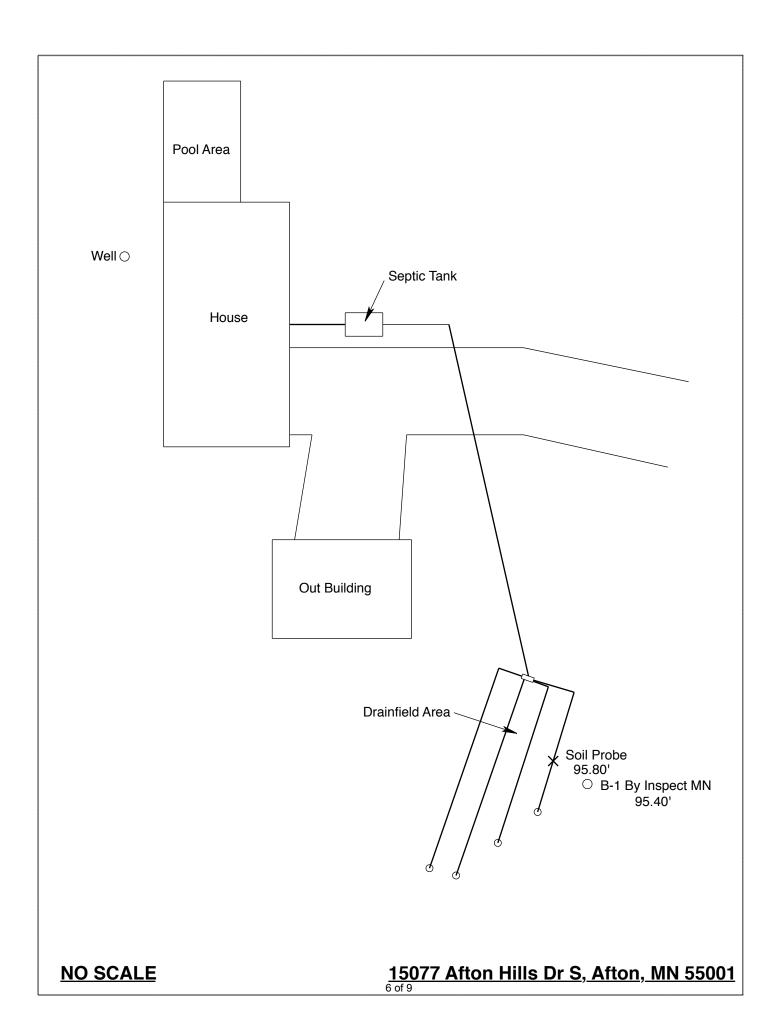
#### Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Owner/Property Information

This information will be used for the purpose of conducting an MPCA Compliance Inspection.

Date of Inspection: February 10, 2016	Time: 12:00 PM						
Property Address: 15077 Afton Hills Dr S, Afton, MN	Zip: 55001						
Property Owner: Duane Anderson	Phone: 651-436-5648						
Tank(s)         Tank(s)Material         Soil Treatment System	Other						
$\boxed{\square Septic 1} \qquad \boxed{\square Fiberglass} \qquad \boxed{\square Rock trench}$	Alternative system						
Aerobic Plastic Gravelless trench	Experimental system						
Lift Metal Chamber trench	Cesspool system						
☐ Holding     ☐ Concrete     ☐ Seepage bed       ☐ Other:     ☐ Block     ☐ Mound	Other system						
Other At-grade							
Are the tank maintenance covers accessible? $\Box$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No *I	f no proper maintenance must be						
performed through the maintenance holes. Maintenance hole co							
the ground surface to facilitate access and proper maintenance of							
	-						
Year house built: 1971 Year septic installed: 1987	Tank size (gals.): 1200						
How long has seller owned the property? 1971 Number of r							
Number of bedrooms? 4     Are all floors drained by							
Garbage disposal? N Whirlpool bath	? N						
More than one system (laundry, etc.)? N							
Does this property have any footing drain tiles connected to the s	eptic system? N						
Are any buildings on this property such as garages or out-buildings connected to this system? N							
Are there any additional systems on this property serving other b	uildings? N						
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Location of septic system on lot? North Side							
	ne well a deep well? Y						
Have you ever experienced any problems with the system such a	4						
surfacing of sewage onto the ground, septic tank overflowing, etc							
to the system? N If yes, explain:							
When was the system last pumped? Aug 2015 Name of put	nper: Meyers Sewer Service						
How often pumped in previous years? Every 2-3 Is syste	m on a monitoring plan? N						
Have you received notices from any government agency concern	ing this system? N						
Is your property located in a shoreland management area? N							
Do you have any additional information that should be given to t	he new owner? N						

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if the system is considered "non-compliant/failing" per MPCA rules, that the inspector must by law submit a copy of this report to the local government unit within 15 days of the date of inspection completion. I also agree that unless otherwise noted in this report, that I/we are ultimately responsible for payment of all fees for all work performed relative to this inspection by Inspect Minnesota and Midwest Soil Testing.

Owner/Occupant: Duane Anderson's Signature On File



## Log Of Soil Borings

Loca	Location of Project: 15077 Afton Hills Dr S, Afton, MN 55001						
Borings Made By: Inspect Minnesota				Date:	2/10/16		
		Hand/Bucket	Class	ification System:	USDA		
E	Boring Number:	1		Boring Number:			
Surface		95.40'	Surface	2			
Elevation o	of Benchmark =	= 100.00' at garage	Elevation	of			
Boring	fl	oor slab	Boring				
Depth In	Soils Er	ncountered	Depth In	Soils E	ncountered		
Inches			Inches				
0-20 20-40	10YR 3/	/3 Silt Loam /4 Silt Loam					
40-66		m To Sandy Loam					
		drock Fragments sal At 66"					
	Kerus						
		n Of Distribution Media			Of Distribution Media		
	<u>Pepth To Redox Or</u> Of Separation	ENU OF DUTITIY		Depth To Redox Of Separation			
E	End Of Boring At:	66"		End Of Boring At:			
R	edox Present At:	None		Redox Present At:			
Standing V	Vater Present At:	None	Standing	Water Present At:			

Bottom Of Distribution Medium At: 39" Or Elevation At 92.55' At Soil Probe

# **DISCLAIMER**

#### Brian L. Humpal, Inc. dba. Inspect Minnesota, Midwest Soil Testing

#### Relative to Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Compliance Inspections

- 1. This inspection/report is being performed for only the seller/owner of the property on which the SSTS is located. In such case that another party is paying for the inspection, the contract is between only said party and Brian L. Humpal, Inc.; there is no contract between Brian L. Humpal, Inc. and any other party unless otherwise noted.
- 3. Brian L. Humpal, Inc. has not been retained to warranty, guarantee, or certify the proper functioning of the SSTS for any period of time beyond the date of inspection or into the future. Because of the numerous factors (usage, maintenance, soil characteristics, previous failures, etc.) which may affect the proper operation of an SSTS, as well as the inability of Brian L. Humpal, Inc. to supervise or monitor the use or maintenance of the SSTS, the report shall not be construed as a warranty by Brian L. Humpal, Inc. that the SSTS will function properly for any particular party for any period of time.
- 4. Brian L. Humpal, Inc. is unable to verify the frequency and/or, quality of prior or future maintenance of the SSTS. Maintenance of the tank(s) must be performed through the tanks maintenance hole. The removal of solids from any location other than the maintenance hole is not a compliant method of maintenance. It is strongly recommended that maintenance covers be made accessible to the ground surface to facilitate proper maintenance.
- 5. Minimum Compliance Inspection requirements relative to this inspection and this report include <u>only</u> verification that the SSTS has tank(s) (septic tanks, lift tanks, dosing tanks, stilling tanks, etc.) which are watertight below the designed operating depth, the required separation between the bottom of the subsurface soil distribution medium and seasonally saturated soils, no back-ups of sewage into the dwelling, no discharge of sewage/effluent to the ground surface or surface waters, and no imminent safety hazards. Brian L. Humpal, Inc. does not inspect plumbing or pumps prior to the first SSTS component as these are plumbing components. The performance of exterior pumps and associated components are not inspected as they are considered to be maintenance items. Additionally, no indications relative to compliance with electrical code requirements have been made. It is recommended that any other applicable plumbing, electrical, housing, etc. inspections be performed by a qualified inspection business. Sewage back-up verification is limited to observing the floor drain area and/or the information supplied by the last occupants of the building prior to inspection. Brian L. Humpal, Inc. cannot guarantee that the information given to them by the last occupants of the building prior to inspection relative to back-ups is accurate.
- 4. Certification of this SSTS does not warranty future use beyond the date of the inspection. Any SSTS, old or new, can become hydraulically overloaded or discharge sewage/effluent to the ground surface as a result of more people moving into the house than were previously occupying the house, improper maintenance, heavy usage, leaking plumbing fixtures, groundwater infiltration, tree roots, freezing conditions, surface drainage problems, poor initial design, poor construction practices, or unsuitable materials used in constructing the system; the system can also simply stop working because of its age. An SSTS that has been properly designed and installed, properly maintained, and used in the manner for which the system was designed can be expected to provide service for twenty to twenty-five years on average. Some parts of the SSTS such as alarms, switches, pumps, filters, etc. will most likely have to be repaired or replaced over the lifetime of the system.
- 5. A Compliance Inspection is not meant to be a test or inspection for longevity of the system; a Compliance Inspection is strictly for the purpose of determining if the SSTS is protective of public health and safety, as well as the groundwater at the date and time the inspection was performed. This inspection is not intended to determine if the SSTS was originally designed or installed to past or present MPCA or other Local Government Unit code requirements. This inspection is not intended to determine if the SSTS was designed and/or installed to support the anticipated flow from the building as the use of the building may have changed since the design and construction of the SSTS due to the addition of bedrooms, occupants, etc. In addition, this inspection is not intended to determine the quality of the original SSTS design, the quality of the construction practices used while installing the SSTS, or the quality of the materials used in constructing the SSTS.
- 6. Brian L. Humpal, Inc. cannot guarantee the performance of SSTS products/components such as: gravelless pipe, chamber trenches, effluent filters, tanks, sewage pre-treatment components, piping, etc. Products such as gravelless pipe are no longer approved for installation in the State of Minnesota and may have a significantly reduced performance and/or life expectancy.
- 7. WINTER WORK: By accepting this report, it is understood that inspections conducted during winter months (approximately November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>) are more difficult to perform because of possible snow cover and/or ground frost. SSTS components such as tanks, maintenance covers, tank inspection pipes, subsurface distribution medium inspection pipes, and soil treatment areas are more difficult or impossible to locate due to snow cover and/or ground frost. In addition, soil borings are more difficult to perform due to snow cover and/or ground frost. Brian L. Humpal, Inc. will attempt to use the same level of standards when performing work during winter periods as when performing work during non-winter periods. However, the recipient of this report understands that because of the aforementioned considerations, the same level of standards may not be possible.
- 8. By accepting this report, the client understands that Brian L. Humpal, Inc. will not be responsible for any monetary damages exceeding the fee for the services provided.

# Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems

Non-transferable



License # L2896

Date of Issuance:	Oct 28, 2015
Maintainer License Expires:	Dec 22, 2016
Installer License Expires:	Dec 22, 2016
Adv Inspector License Expires:	Dec 22, 2016
Adv Designer License Expires:	Dec 22, 2016

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Designated Certified Individual (DCI)	Certification Type	Certification Expires	
Brian L. Humpal	Maintainer (Certified)	10/15/2017	
Brian L. Humpal	Advanced Designer (Certified)	10/15/2017	
Brian L. Humpal	Advanced Inspector (Certified)	10/15/2017	
Brian L. Humpal	Installer (Certified)	10/15/2017	
Brian L. Humpal	Service Provider (Certified)	10/15/2017	
Christopher R. Uebe	Designer (Certified)	03/04/2018	
Christopher R. Uebe	Inspector (Certified)	03/04/2018	



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