## **Midwest Sewer Services**

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SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM (SSTS) COMPLIANCE REPORT				
Date: January 27, 2020	Owner: John & Carole Hitt			
Inspection Address: 14830 115 <sup>th</sup> St S, Stillwater Twp, MN 55082				

#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

I have performed an "MPCA Compliance Inspection" on this system and have reviewed the original design/permit records, along with a previous compliance inspection from 2012, which were on file at Washington County. This system consists of two pre-cast septic tanks, a pre-cast lift tank, and a rock trench drainfield.

Although not a compliance criteria, a camera inspection was done on the sewer line between the house and the tank. The line is schedule 50 pipe and approximately 70' long. The sewer line appears to be in good condition with no roots, cracks, or joints in the pipe identified.

Predicated on my inspection of the system and my review of the records, it is my opinion that this system <u>presently meets</u> MPCA minimum compliance inspection requirements.

Midwest Sewer Services 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. Midwest Sewer Services 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.

Christopher Uebe

Brian Humpal

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-	Control Agency	
	520 Lafavette Road North	Existing

S20 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

# **Compliance Inspection Form**

## Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems

(SSTS)

Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement

Instructions: Inspection results based on Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)	
requirements and attached forms – additional local requirements may also apply.	

Submit completed form to Local Unit of Government (LUG) and system owner within 15 days

#### System Status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): <u>1/27/2020</u>

#### Compliant – Certificate of Compliance

(Valid for 3 years from report date, unless shorter time frame outlined in Local Ordinance.)

#### ] Noncompliant – Notice of Noncompliance

For local tracking purposes:

(See Upgrade Requirements on page 3)

#### Reason(s) for noncompliance (check all applicable)

Impact on Public Health (Compliance Component #1) – Imminent threat to public health and safety

Other Compliance Conditions (Compliance Component #3) – Imminent threat to public health and safety

Tank Integrity (Compliance Component #2) – Failing to protect groundwater

Other Compliance Conditions (Compliance Component #3) – Failing to protect groundwater

Soil Separation (Compliance Component #4) – Failing to protect groundwater

Operating permit/monitoring plan requirements (Compliance Component #5) – Noncompliant

#### **Property Information**

Parcel ID# or Sec/Twp/Range:

Property address: 14830	115 <sup>th</sup> St S, Stillwater Twp, MN 55082	Reason for inspection:	Property Transfer
Property owner: John & Carole Hitt		Owner's phone:	
or			
Owner's representative:	Sharon O'Flannigan	Representative phone:	651-430-7759
Local regulatory authority:	Washington County	Regulatory authority phor	ne: 651-430-6655
Brief system description:	Two pre-cast septic tanks, a pre-cast lift tank, a	nd a rock trench drainfield.	

Comments or recommendations:

Although not a compliance criteria, a camera inspection was done on the sewer line between the house and the tank. The line is schedule 50 pipe and approximately 70' long. The sewer line appears to be in good condition with no roots, cracks, or joints in the pipe identified.

#### 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/Christopher Uebe	Certification number:	C5342/C9852		
Business name:	Midwest Sewer Services	License number:	L2896		
Inspector signatur	e: Brian Humpal After Uh	Phone number:	651-492-7550		
Necessary or Locally Required Attachments					
🛛 Soil boring lo	ogs 🛛 🖾 System/As-built drawing	Forms per local ordinan	се		
🛛 Other inform	ation (list):	on, Disclaimer, License			

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

Property address: 14830 115th St S, Stillwater Twp, MN 55082

Compliance criteria:		Verification method(s):
System discharge sewage to the ground surface.	🗌 Yes 🖾 No	<ul><li>Searched for surface outlet</li><li>Searched for seeping in yard/backup in home</li></ul>
System discharge sewage to drain tile or surface waters.	🗌 Yes 🖾 No	<ul> <li>Excessive ponding in soil system/D-boxes</li> <li>Homeowner testimony (See Comments/Explanation)</li> </ul>
System cause sewage backup into dwelling or establishment.		<ul> <li>"Black soil" above soil dispersal system</li> <li>System requires "emergency" pumping</li> <li>Performed dye test</li> </ul>
Any "yes" answer above indicate an Imminent Threat to Public Hea	•	<ul> <li>Generation of the second second</li></ul>
Comments/Explanation:		

2. Tank Integrity – Compliance component #2 of 5

Compliance criteria:		Verification method(s):
System consists of a seepage pit,	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	Probed tank(s) bottom
cesspool, drywell, or leaching pit.		Examined construction records
Seepage pits meeting 7080.2550 may be		Examined Tank Integrity Form (Attach)
compliant if allowed in local ordinance.		Observed liquid level below operating depth
Sewage tank(s) leak below their designed operating depth.	🗌 Yes 🖾 No	Examined empty (pumped) tanks(s)
If yes, which sewage tank(s) leaks:		Probed outside tank(s) for "black soil"
		Unable to verify (See Comments/Explanation)
Any "yes" answer above indicates the system is Failing to Protect Groundwater.		Other methods not listed (See Comments/Explanation)

Comments/Explanation:

None of the above found.

Lowered underwater camera into tanks - baffles and tank walls OK. Lift pump and alarm were operational at the time of the inspection. Although not a compliance criteria, a camera inspection was done on the sewer line between the house and the tank. The line is schedule 50 pipe and approximately 70' long. The sewer line appears to be in good condition with no roots, cracks, or joints in the pipe identified.

#### 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 **System is failing to protect groundwater** 

Explain:

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

Date of installation: 1999	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:		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 saturated soil or bedrock.	☐ Yes ☐ No	<ul> <li>requirements differ.</li> <li>Conducted soil observation(s) (A</li> <li>Two previous verifications (Attac</li> <li>Not applicable (Holding tank(s), not</li> <li>Unable to verify (See Comments/A</li> <li>Other (See Comments/Explanation)</li> </ul>	ch boring logs) o drainfield) 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 previous compliance insp Reviewed design and permit record			
Drainfield has a three-foot vertical separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.*					
"Experimental", "Other", or "Performance"	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	Indicate depths of elevations	l		
systems built under pre-2008 Rules; Type IV or V systems built under 2008 Rules (7080. 2350 or 7080.2400 (Advanced Inspector		A. Bottom of distribution media	See Attached Boring Log(s)		
License required) 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 the system is Failing to Protect Groundwater.		*May be reduced up to 15 percent if Ordinance.	allowed by Local		
<b>Operating Permit and Nitrogen BMP*</b> – Compliance component #5 of 5 <b>Not applicable</b>					
Is the system operated under an Operating Permit?  Yes No If "yes", A below is required					
Is the system required to employ a Nitrogen BMP? Is Ves INO If "yes", B below is required					

BMP=Best Management Practice(s) specified in the system design

If the answer to both questions is "no", this section does not need to be completed.

#### **Compliance criteria**

5.

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

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

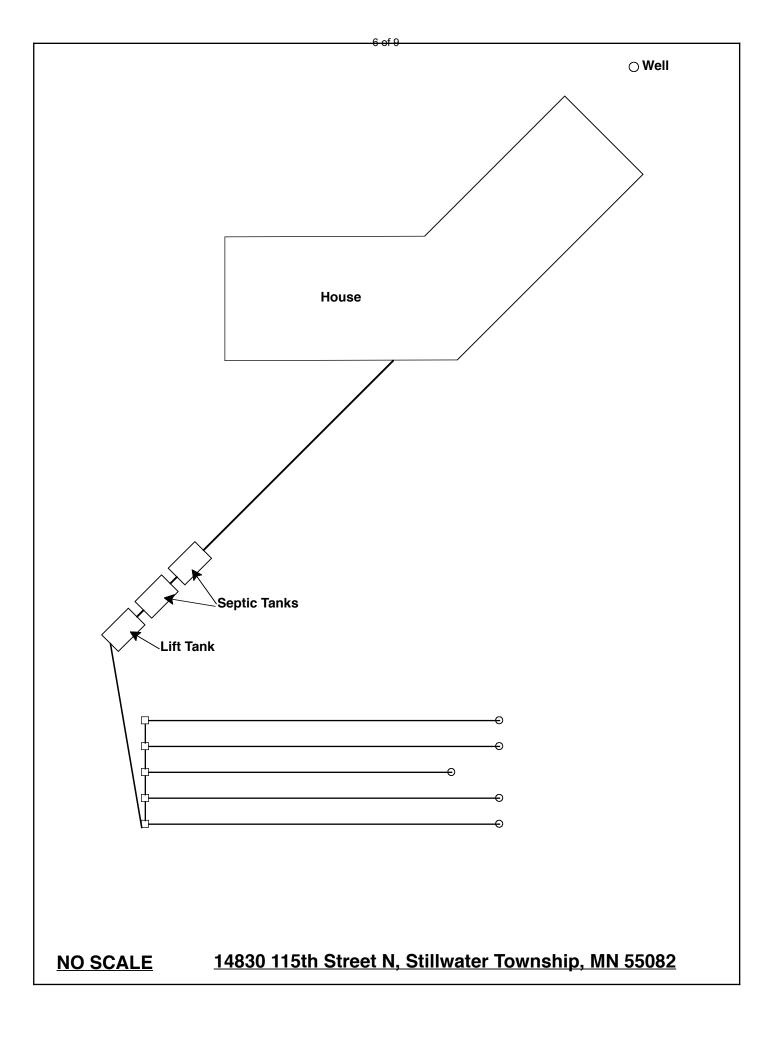
**Upgrade Requirements** (Minn. Stat. § 115.55) An imminent threat to public health and safety (ITPHS) must be upgraded, replaced, or its use discontinued within ten months of receipt of this notice or within a shorter period if required by local ordinance. If the system is failing to protect ground 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.

### <u>Midwest Sewer Testing</u> Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Owner/Property Information

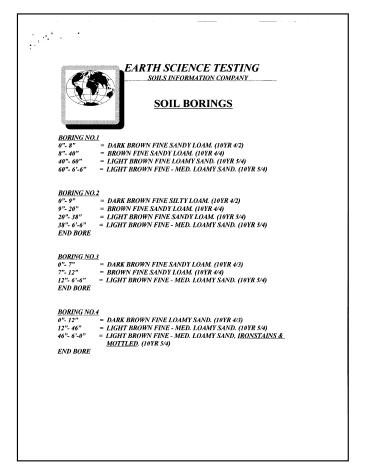
This information will be used for the purpose of conducting an MPCA Compliance Inspection.				
Date of Inspection: January 27, 2020	Time: 12:15 PM			
Property Address: 14830 115 <sup>th</sup> St S, Stillwater Twp, MN	Zip: 55082			
Property Owner: John & Carole Hitt	Phone:			
Tank(s)Tank(s)MaterialSoil Treatment SystemSeptic 2FiberglassRock trenchAerobicPlasticGravelless trenchLiftMetalChamber trenchHoldingConcreteSeepage bedOther:BlockMoundOtherOtherAt-grade	Other Alternative system Experimental system Cesspool system Other system			
Are the tank maintenance covers accessible? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No *If	no, proper maintenance must be			
performed through the maintenance holes. Maintenance hole cover the ground surface to facilitate access and proper maintenance of t				
Year house built: 1998 Year septic installed: 1999				
	sidents in home?			
Number of bedrooms? 4     Are all floors drained by g				
Garbage disposal? Y Whirlpool bath?	Y			
More than one system (laundry, etc.)? Does this property have any footing drain tiles connected to the se	ntia austam?			
Does this property have any footing drain thes connected to the se	prie system?			
Are any buildings on this property such as garages or out-buildings connected to this system? Floor drain in garage, point of discharge unknown.				
Are there any additional systems on this property serving other buildings?				
Location of septic system on lot? East Side				
Location of water well on lot? Northwest Side Is the	e well a deep well? Y			
Have you ever experienced any problems with the system such as: tree roots, sewage back-ups,				
surfacing of sewage onto the ground, septic tank overflowing, etc.; or have any repairs been made				
to the system? If yes, explain:				
When was the system last pumped? 2019Name of pumper: Pinky's Sewer Service				
How often pumped in previous years?Is system on a monitoring plan?				
Have you received notices from any government agency concerning this system?				
Is your property located in a shoreland management area? Y				
Do you have any additional information that should be given to th	e new owner?			

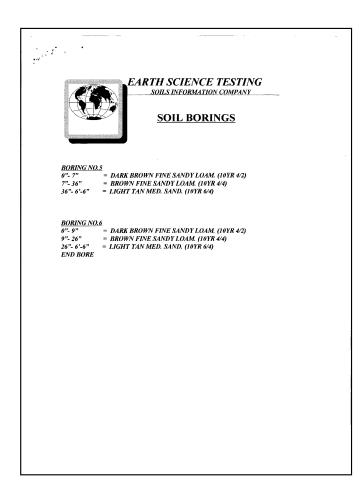
I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if the system is considered "non-compliant/failing" per MPCA rules, that the inspector must by law submit a copy of this report to the local government unit within 15 days of the date of inspection 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:



		Log Of So	il Boring	ls	
		14830 115th Street I	N, Stillwate		
E	Borings Made By: Auger Used:	Inspect Minnesota	Classi	fication System:	8/30/12 USDA
	Boring Number:	1	CidSSI	Boring Number:	USDA
Surface Elevation Boring	Same ground	surface as inspection last drainfield trench			
Depth In Inches	Soils E	ncountered	Depth In Inches	Soils En	countered
5-24 24-44 44-51 51-74	7.5YR 4/4 FI 10VR 4/ 10YR 4/4 L Lamell	2 Loamy Sand en Medium Sand 4 Fine Sand anmy Sand With ae Banding			
74"	Depth To End Of B			Depth To End Of Bo	
Same -28"	Elevation Of Boring Depth To Bottom C	Relative To System		Elevation Of Boring Depth To Bottom O	Relative To System
- <u>28</u> ≥46"	Of Separation	- System		Of Separation	- System
	End Of Boring At:	74"		End Of Boring At:	
	Redox Present At:	None		Redox Present At:	
Standing Water Present At: None Standing Water Present At: Bottom Of Distribution Medium At: 28 Inches					





## **DISCLAIMER**

#### Brian L. Humpal, Inc. dba. Midwest Sewer Services, 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 Business License

# **Midwest Sewer Services**

License # L2896

License Expires: 12/22/2020

Issued: 11/26/2019

# **Specialty Area(s):**

Installer Maintainer Service Provider Advanced Designer Advanced Inspector

# **Designated Certified Individual(s):**

Cert #	Name	Certification Expires:	
C5342	Brian L Humpal 10/15/2023		
	Installer, Maintainer, Serv Prov,	Adv Designer, Adv Inspector	
C9852 ·	Christopher R Uebe	3/4/2021	
	Designer, Inspector		

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