

# ZIERKE SOIL TESTING

Rick Regnier  
21980 Parrish Rd N  
Scandia, MN 55073

12/2/2020

Dear Rick Regnier,

At your request, I have conducted a septic inspection to determine the compliance status of your system pursuant to Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080.1500.

The compliance test set out in 7080.1500 has three main inquiries: 1). Is the system functioning hydraulically (disposing of effluent in a manner that prevents it from coming in contact with people)? 2). Are the septic tanks water tight? 3). Does the system have sufficient vertical separation between the bottom of the septic system and restrictive layers (bedrock, standing water, seasonally wet layers, etc) to provide full treatment of effluent?

Based off of these criteria, your system is compliant. A certification of compliance is in effect for three years from the date it is issued. To be clear, this should not be construed as a guarantee of future system function – there are too many factors that influence the lifespan of a septic system for an inspector to predict or even guess how long a septic system will last. A copy of this report will be filed with your local unit of government for their records.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Zierke  
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# Compliance Inspection Form

## Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)

Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement

**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**

For local tracking purposes:

### System Status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/2/2020

**Compliant – Certificate of Compliance**  
*(Valid for 3 years from report date, unless shorter time frame outlined in Local Ordinance.)*

**Noncompliant – Notice of Noncompliance**  
*(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: 1403220120001

Property address: 21980 Parrish Rd N Scandia, MN 55073 Reason for inspection: Sale

Property owner: Rick Regnier Owner's phone: regquarter@yahoo.com

or  
Owner's representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Local regulatory authority: Washington County Regulatory authority phone: 651-430-6655

Brief system description: Pre cast 1250 gallon septic tank, gravity rock trench drainfield

**Comments or recommendations:**

System previously passed inspection in 2015. During site visit and pumping 11/30/2020, septic tank appeared to have little to no bacterial activity. Advised homeowner to limit use of antibacterial soaps and bleach.

### 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: Benjamin Zierke Certification number: C9594

Business name: Zierke Soil Testing License number: L119

Inspector signature:  Phone number: 651-249-1346

### Necessary or Locally Required Attachments

- Soil boring logs
- System/As-built drawing
- Forms per local ordinance
- Other information (list): Previous Soil Observations



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

**Compliance criteria:**

System discharges sewage to the ground surface.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
System discharges sewage to drain tile or surface waters.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
System causes sewage backup into dwelling or establishment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Any “yes” answer above indicates the system is an imminent threat to public health and safety.**

**Comments/Explanation:**

Rick has not had any past issues with the system. Probed system area and did not encounter any saturated trenches. No signs of seepage or saturation visible at ground surface.

**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. <i>Seepage pits meeting 7080.2550 may be compliant if allowed in local ordinance.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Sewage tank(s) leak below their designed operating depth. If yes, which sewage tank(s) leaks:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Any “yes” answer above indicates the system is failing to protect groundwater.**

**Comments/Explanation:**

Present for pumping by Smilie's Sewer 11/30/2020. Lowered camera into septic tank and confirmed tank integrity. Inlet baffle was covered in roots - Smilie's made a follow up visit to remove the roots. Roots should be monitored at future maintenance visits and removed as necessary.

**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)

**3. Other Compliance Conditions – Compliance component #3 of 5**

- a. Maintenance hole covers are damaged, cracked, unsecured, or appear to be structurally unsound.  Yes\*  No  Unknown
- b. Other issues (electrical hazards, etc.) to immediately and adversely impact public health or safety.  Yes\*  No  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: 1983  Unknown  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Shoreland/Wellhead protection/Food beverage lodging?  Yes  No

**Compliance criteria:**

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:  Yes  No  
Drainfield has at least a two-foot vertical separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.

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  
Drainfield has a three-foot vertical separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.\*

“Experimental”, “Other”, or “Performance” systems built under pre-2008 Rules; Type IV or V systems built under 2008 Rules (7080.2350 or 7080.2400 (Advanced Inspector License required)  Yes  No  
Drainfield meets the designed vertical separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.

**Any “no” answer above indicates the system is failing to protect groundwater.**

**Verification method(s):**

Soil observation does not expire. Previous soil observations by two independent parties are sufficient, unless site conditions have been altered or local requirements differ.

- Conducted soil observation(s) (Attach boring logs)
- Two previous verifications (Attach boring logs)
- Not applicable (Holding tank(s), no drainfield)
- Unable to verify (See Comments/Explanation)
- Other (See Comments/Explanation)

**Comments/Explanation:**

**Indicate depths or elevations**

A. Bottom of distribution media	36"
B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock	66"+
C. System separation	30"+
D. Required compliance separation*	24"

\*May be reduced up to 15 percent if allowed by Local Ordinance.

**5. Operating Permit and Nitrogen BMP\* – Compliance component #5 of 5  Not applicable**

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?  Yes  No **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**

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, repaired, 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.



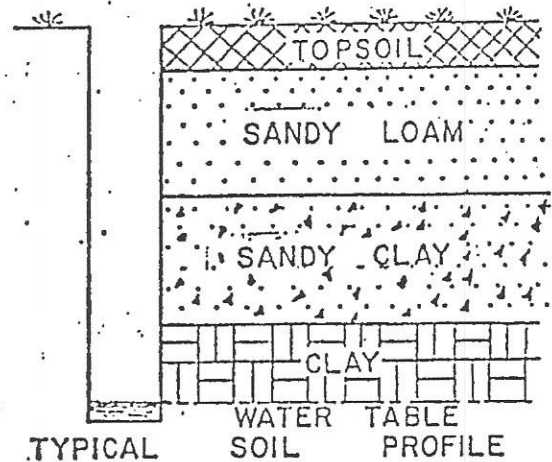
reliable ground water levels. In clay soil, it is not possible to determine the ground water level within the normal scope of a test boring investigation, except where lenses or layers of more pervious waterbearing soil are present and then a long period of time may be necessary to reach equilibrium. Therefore, the position of the water level symbol for cohesive or mixed texture soils may not indicate the true level of the ground water table. The available water level information is given at the bottom of the log sheet.

Soil borings are made in order to determine the type and structure of soils at various depths as well as the location of the water table, impervious strata or bedrock.

Borings are most easily made with a hand auger, however other expedients may be utilized - back hoe, post hole auger, etc.

Soils encountered at various depths should be listed as to appearance, texture and composition.

Depth at which water, bedrock or heavy clay layer is encountered should be recorded.



TYPICAL SOIL PROFILE

\* boring NO. 1

\* NO Water in boring after 24 hrs

\* No mottling

\* boring NO. 2

\* NO Water in boring after 24 hrs

\* NO mottling

\* boring NO. 3

\* NO Water in boring after 24 hrs

\* NO mottling

\* boring NO. 4

\* NO Water in boring after 24 hrs

\* NO mottling

LOG OF SOIL BORINGS

BORING NO. 1		BORING NO. 2		BORING NO. 3		BORING NO. 4	
DEPTH IN FEET	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH IN FEET	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH IN FEET	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH IN FEET	SOIL DESCRIPTION
0	dark Grayish Brown silt loam	0	dark Grayish Brown silt loam	0	dark Grayish Brown silt loam	0	dark Grayish Brown silt loam
1/2		1/2		1/2		1/2	
1	dark Yellowish Brown silt loam-stoney	1	dark Brown silt loam	1	dark Yellowish Brown silt loam	1	dark Yellowish Brown silt loam
1 1/2		1 1/2		1 1/2		1 1/2	
2		2	Reddish Brown loam-stoney	2	dark Brown silt loam	2	dark Yellowish Brown silt loam
2 1/2	Reddish Brown loam-stoney	2 1/2		2 1/2		2 1/2	
3		3		3	Reddish Brown loam-stoney	3	Reddish Brown loam-stoney
3 1/2		3 1/2		3 1/2		3 1/2	
4	sm-sc	4	sm-sc	4	sm-sc	4	sm-sc
4 1/2		4 1/2	Reddish Brown loamy sand	4 1/2	Reddish Brown loamy sand	4 1/2	Reddish Brown loamy sand
5		5		5	Sandy loam	5	Sandy loam
5 1/2		5 1/2		5 1/2		5 1/2	
6		6		6		6	
6 1/2		6 1/2		6 1/2		6 1/2	
7		7		7		7	
7 1/2	sm-sp	7 1/2	sm-sp	7 1/2	sp-sm	7 1/2	sp-sm
8		8		8		8	



### WATER LEVEL

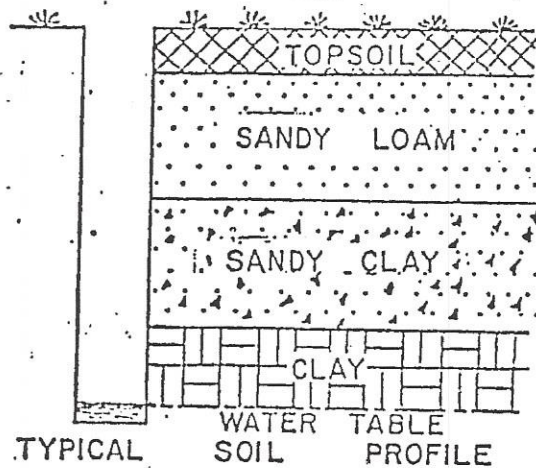
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- \* boring NO. 5
- \* no water in boring after 29 hrs
- \* NO MOTTLING

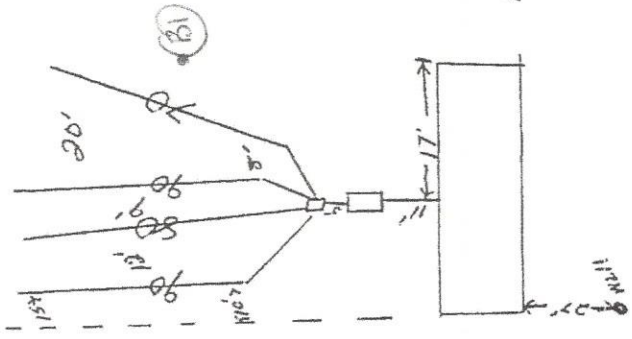
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0	dark grayish Brown silt loam	0		0		0	
1/2	cl-ml	1/2		1/2		1/2	
1	dark yellowish Brown silt loam	1		1		1	
1 1/2	cl-ml	1 1/2		1 1/2		1 1/2	
2	reddish brown silt loam-stony	2		2		2	
2 1/2	ml, cl	2 1/2		2 1/2		2 1/2	
3		3		3		3	
3 1/2	reddish brown	3 1/2		3 1/2		3 1/2	
4	sandy loam	4		4		4	
4 1/2		4 1/2		4 1/2		4 1/2	
5		5		5		5	
5 1/2		5 1/2		5 1/2		5 1/2	
6		6		6		6	
6 1/2		6 1/2		6 1/2		6 1/2	
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PARISH AVE. NO.

Co. Rd. 3



SOIL BORING LOG

(B1)

0"-10" 10TR4/3 SILT LOAM

10"-22" 10TR4/4 SILT LOAM

22"-66" 75TR3/4 SANDY LOAM