

# ZIERKE SOIL TESTING

Gary Olson  
21602 Meadowbrook Ave N  
Scandia, MN 55073

6/8/2021

Dear Gary Olson,

At your request, I have conducted a septic inspection to determine the compliance status of your septic 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  
MPCA Lic 119, Cert 9594

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# Compliance inspection report form

## Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS)

Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement

**Instructions:** Inspection results based on Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requirements and attached supporting documentation – additional local requirements may also apply. Further information can be found here: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-wwists4-31a.pdf>.

**Inspector must submit completed form to Local Governmental Unit (LGU) and system owner within 15 days of final determination of compliance or noncompliance.**

### Property information

Local tracking number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel ID# or Sec/Twp/Range: 1603220230008 Local regulatory authority: Washington County

Property address: 21602 Meadowbrook Ave N Scandia, MN 55073

Owner/representative: Gary Olson Owner's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief system description: Two pre-cast septic tanks and gravity rock trench drainfield

### System status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/8/2021

**Compliant – Certificate of compliance\***

*(Valid for 3 years from report date unless evidence of an imminent threat to public health or safety requiring removal and abatement under section 145A.04, subdivision 8 is discovered or a shorter time frame exists in Local Ordinance.)*

**\*Note: Compliance indicates conformance with Minn. R. 7080.1500 as of system status date above and does not guarantee future performance.**

**Noncompliant – Notice of noncompliance**

*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 or under section 145A.04 subdivision 8.*

*Systems failing to protect ground water must be upgraded, replaced, or use discontinued within the time required by local ordinance.*

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

- Impact on public health (Compliance component #1) – *Imminent threat to public health and safety*
- Tank integrity (Compliance component #2) – *Failing to protect groundwater*
- Other Compliance Conditions (Compliance component #3) – *Imminent threat to public health and safety*
- Other Compliance Conditions (Compliance component #3) – *Failing to protect groundwater*
- System not abandoned according to Minn. R. 7080.2500 (Compliance component #3) – *Failing to protect groundwater*
- Soil separation (Compliance component #5) – *Failing to protect groundwater*
- Operating permit/monitoring plan requirements (Compliance component #4) – *Noncompliant - local ordinance applies*

#### Comments or recommendations

No system records available with Washington County. Date of construction estimated based on construction of home.

### 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.*

**By typing my name below, I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing this form.**

Business name: Zierke Soil Testing

Certification number: 9594

Inspector signature: 

License number: 119

*(This document has been electronically signed)*

Phone: 651-249-1346

### Necessary or locally required supporting documentation (must be attached)

- Soil observation logs
- Locally required forms
- Tank Integrity Assessment
- Operating Permit
- Other information (list):  
Site sketch

## 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.**

### Describe verification methods and results:

No sign of backup or surface discharge observed during site visit 6/7/2021. Spoke with homeowner Gary and he did not report any issues with the system.

### Attached supporting documentation:

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not applicable

## 2. Tank integrity – Compliance component #2 of 5

### Compliance criteria:

System consists of a seepage pit, cesspool, drywell, leaching pit, or other pit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Sewage tank(s) leak below their designed operating depth?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, which sewage tank(s) leaks: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Describe verification methods and results:

Tanks pumped and OK'ed by Hassle Free Septic on 5/24/2021. See attached tank integrity form.

### Attached supporting documentation:

- Pumped at time of inspection  
 Name of maintenance business: Hassle Free  
 License number of maintenance business: 3287  
 Date of maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Existing tank integrity assessment (Attach)  
 Date of maintenance (mm/dd/yyyy): 5/24/2021  
 (must be within three years)  
 (See form instructions to ensure assessment complies with Minn. R. 7082.0700 subp. 4 B (1))  
 Tank is Noncompliant (pumping not necessary – explain below)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Other compliance conditions – Compliance component #3 of 5

3a. Maintenance hole covers appear to be structurally unsound (damaged, cracked, etc.), or unsecured?

Yes\*  No  Unknown

3b. Other issues (*electrical hazards, etc.*) to immediately and adversely impact public health or safety?  Yes\*  No  Unknown

**\*Yes to 3a or 3b - System is an imminent threat to public health and safety.**

3c. System is non-protective of ground water for other conditions as determined by inspector?  Yes\*  No

3d. System not abandoned in accordance with Minn. R. 7080.2500?  Yes\*  No

**\*Yes to 3c or 3d - System is failing to protect groundwater.**

Describe verification methods and results:

Attached supporting documentation:  Not applicable

### 4. Operating permit and nitrogen BMP\* – Compliance component #4 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 specified in the system design?  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. 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.**

Describe verification methods and results:

Attached supporting documentation:  Operating permit (Attach)

## 5. Soil separation – Compliance component #5 of 5

Date of installation 2005  Unknown  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Shoreland/Wellhead protection/Food beverage lodging?  Yes  No

**Compliance criteria (select one):**

5a. 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.

5b. 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.\*

5c. "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.

**Attached supporting documentation:**

- Soil observation logs completed for the report (Attach)
- Two previous verifications of required vertical separation (Attach)
- Not applicable (No soil treatment area)
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate depths or elevations**

A. Bottom of distribution media	97.7'
B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock	94.5'
C. System separation	3.2'
D. Required compliance separation*	3.0'

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

**\*Any "no" answer above indicates the system is failing to protect groundwater.**

**Describe verification methods and results:**

**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.

## Logs of Soil Borings

Location of Project: 21602 Meadowbrook Ave N Scandia, MN 55073

Borings Made by Ben Zierke

Date:

6/7/2021

Hand bucket auger used for borings; USDA - SCS Soil Classification used.

Depth, in Inches	Boring Number 1	Depth, in Inches	Boring Number 2
0-----	-----	0-----	-----
0-10"	10YR 3/2 loamy fine sand <5% rock		
10-28"	10YR 4/6 loamy sand 6% rock		
28-48"	10YR 4/4 medium sand, 8% rock		
48-66"	Layers of 10YR 4/4, 6/3, and 7/3 medium-coarse sand, 10% rock some iron staining present in layer around small iron bearing rocks - not redoximorphic.		

End of boring at 5.5 feet  
**Standing water table:**  
 Present at feet of depth Hours after boring  
 Standing water not present in hole   
**Restriction**  
 Observed at feet of depth  
 Restriction not present in bore hole   
 Comments:

End of boring at feet  
**Standing water table:**  
 Present at feet of depth Hours after boring  
 Standing water not present in hole   
**Restriction**  
 Observed at feet of depth  
 Restriction not present in bore hole   
 Comments:

Depth, in Inches	Boring Number 3	Depth, in Inches	Boring Number 4
0-----	-----	0-----	-----

End of boring at feet  
**Standing water table:**  
 Present at feet of depth Hours after boring  
 Standing water not present in hole   
**Restriction**  
 Observed at feet of depth  
 Restriction not present in bore hole   
 Comments:

End of boring at feet  
**Standing water table:**  
 Present at feet of depth Hours after boring  
 Standing water not present in hole   
**Restriction**  
 Observed at feet of depth  
 Restriction not present in bore hole   
 Comments:

Relative Elevations in  
Decimal Feet:

- B1: 100.0
- B1 Redox: 94.5+
- Bottom of rock: 97.7
- B1 Separation: 3.2+
- Benchmark: 103.8  
(cover on 2nd septic tank)

Tanks

B1

Drainfield

Google Earth

Imagery Date: 4/5/2017 45°15'42.00" N 92°51'02.05" W elev 980 ft eye alt 1344 ft

1985

89 ft



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# Sewage tank integrity assessment form

## Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) Program

Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement

**Purpose:** This form may be used to certify the compliance status of the sewage tank components of the SSTS. **This form is not a complete SSTS inspection report, only a tank integrity assessment, and may only certify sewage tank compliance status when entirely completed and signed by a qualified professional.** SSTS compliance inspection report forms can be found at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/inspections>.

**Instructions:** This form may be completed, and signed, by a Designated Certified Individual (DCI) of a licensed SSTS inspection, maintenance, installation, or service provider business who personally conducts the necessary procedures to assess the compliance status of each sewage tank in the system. Only a licensed maintenance business is authorized to pump the tank for assessment. A copy of this information should be submitted to the system owner and be maintained by the licensed SSTS business for a period of five (5) years from the assessment date.

When this form is signed by a qualified certified professional, it becomes *necessary supporting documentation* to an Existing System Compliance Inspection Report: [Compliance inspection form - Existing system \(wq-wwists4-31b\)](#). This form can be found on the MPCA website at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/inspections>.

The information and certified statement on this form is **required** when existing septic tank compliance status is determined by an individual other than the SSTS Inspector that submits an inspection report. This form represents a third party assessment of SSTS component compliance and is allowable under Minn. R. 7082.0700, subp. 4(B)(1). This form is valid for a period of three years beyond the signature date on this form unless a new evaluation is requested by the owner or owner's agent or is required according to local regulations. Additional Administrative Rule references for this activity can be found at Minn. R. 7082.0700, subp. 4(B),(C), and (D) and; Minn. R. 7083.0730(C).

### Owner information

Owner/Representative: Mitchell Gernze  
Property address: 21602 Medew Brook Ave N. Scandia  
Local Regulatory Authority: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### System status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 5-24-2021  
 Certificate of sewage tank compliance  Notice of sewage tank non-compliance

#### Compliance criteria:

The SSTS has a seepage pit, cesspool, drywell, leaching pit, or other pit - "Failure to Protect Groundwater."	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The SSTS has a sewage tank that leaks below the designed operating depth - "Failure to Protect Groundwater."	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The SSTS presents a threat to public safety by reason of structurally unsound (damaged, cracked, or weak) maintenance hole cover(s) or lids or any other unsafe condition - "Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety."	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Any "yes" answer above indicates sewage tank non-compliance.**

### Company information

Company name: Hassle free septic  
Business license number: 23287

### Designated Certified Individual (DCI) information

Print name: Mike Hasekine  
Certification number: 29017

I personally conducted the work described above as a Designated Certified Individual of a Minnesota-licensed SSTS inspection, maintenance, installation, or service provider Business. I personally conducted the necessary procedures to assess the compliance status of each sewage tank in this SSTS.

By typing/signing my name below, I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing this form.

Designated Certified Individual's signature: [Signature] Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 5-24-21  
(This document has been electronically signed.)