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### SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM (SSTS) COMPLIANCE REPORT

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**Date:** July 13, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Owner:** John Pecchia

**Inspection Address:** 14289 St. Croix Trail N, May Twp, MN 55082

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### 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 2017, which were on file at Washington County. This system consists of two plastic septic tanks, a plastic lift tank, and a gravelless trench drainfield. Smilie’s Sewer Service pumped the septic tanks and lift tank on July 13, 2021.

Although not a compliance criteria, it should be noted that gravelless pipe is no longer approved for installation in the State of Minnesota and we have had experience with this product having significantly reduced performance and/or life expectancy. We cannot guarantee the performance of this system beyond the compliance date (7/13/2021).

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

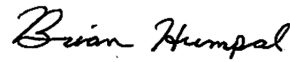
Midwest Sewer Services have been hired to perform a compliance inspection of this SSTS for compliance with local ordinances pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115.55 (2013). This compliance inspection covers only the criteria required by Minn. Stat. § 115.55 Subd. 5a (2013) and Minn. R. 7080.1500 (2011). A compliance 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.




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Brian Humpal




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# Compliance inspection report form

## Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS)

Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement

**Instructions: Inspector must submit completed form to Local Governmental Unit (LGU) and system owner within 15 days of final determination of compliance or noncompliance.** Instructions for filling out this form are located on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) website at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-wwists4-31a.pdf>.

### Property information

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

Parcel ID# or Sec/Twp/Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Inspection \_\_\_\_\_ Property Transfer \_\_\_\_\_

Local regulatory authority info: Washington County

Property address: 14289 St. Croix Trail N, May Twp, MN 55082

Owner/representative: John Pecchia Owner's phone: 651-338-1933

Brief system description: Two plastic septic tanks, a plastic lift tank, and a gravelless trench drainfield.

### System status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 7/13/2021

**Compliant – Certificate of compliance\***

**Noncompliant – Notice of noncompliance**

*(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.)*

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

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

*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.*

#### 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


Although not a compliance criteria, it should be noted that gravelless pipe is no longer approved for installation in the State of Minnesota and we have had experience with this product having significantly reduced performance and/or life expectancy. We cannot guarantee the performance of this system beyond the compliance date (7/13/2021).

### 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: Midwest Sewer Services Certification number: 5342/9852

Inspector signature:  License number: L2896  
*(This document has been electronically signed)* Phone: 651-492-7550

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

- Soil observation logs
- System/As-Built
- Locally required forms
- Tank Integrity Assessment
- Operating Permit
- Other information (list): Report Summary, Property Information, Disclaimer, License

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Business Name: Midwest Sewer Services

Date: 7/13/2021

## 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:

Although not a compliance criteria, it should be noted that gravelless pipe is no longer approved for installation in the State of Minnesota and we have had experience with this product having significantly reduced performance and/or life expectancy. We cannot guarantee the performance of this system beyond the compliance date (7/13/2021).

### 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:

### Attached supporting documentation:

- Empty tank(s) viewed by inspector
- Name of maintenance business: Smilie's Sewer Service
- License number of maintenance business: L2428
- Date of maintenance: 7/13/2021
- Existing tank integrity assessment (Attach)
- Date of maintenance (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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)

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

Date of installation 1997  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 (Intermediate Inspector License required ≤ 2,500 gallons per day; Advanced Inspector License required > 2,500 gallons per day)  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
- Two previous verifications of required vertical separation
- Not applicable (No soil treatment area)
- Reviewed previous compliance inspection from 2017.  
 Reviewed design and permit records.

**Indicate depths or elevations**

A. Bottom of distribution media	See Attached Boring Log(s)
B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock	
C. System separation	
D. Required compliance separation*	

\*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.

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

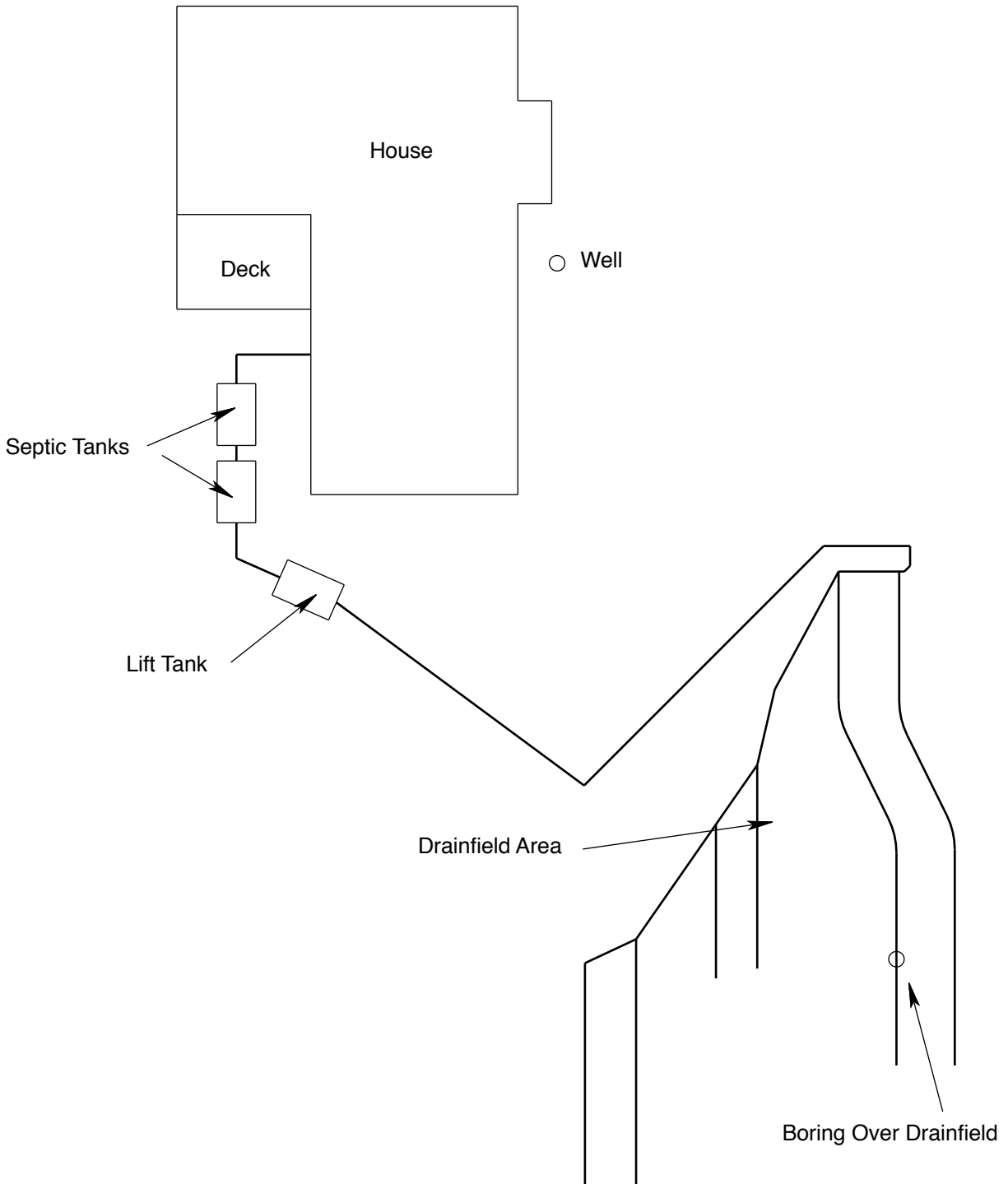
This information will be used for the purpose of conducting an MPCA Compliance Inspection.

Date of Inspection: July 13, 2021		Time: 2:00 PM	
Property Address: 14289 St. Croix Trail N, May Twp, MN		Zip: 55082	
Property Owner: John Pecchia		Phone: 651-338-1933	
Tank(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Aerobic <input type="checkbox"/> Lift <input type="checkbox"/> Holding <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Tank(s)Material <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Block <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Soil Treatment System <input type="checkbox"/> Rock trench <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gravelless trench <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber trench <input type="checkbox"/> Seepage bed <input type="checkbox"/> Mound <input type="checkbox"/> At-grade _____	Other <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative system _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental system _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cesspool system _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other system _____
Are the tank maintenance covers accessible? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No *If no, proper maintenance must be performed through the maintenance holes. Maintenance hole covers should be made accessible to the ground surface to facilitate access and proper maintenance of the system.			
Year house built: 1965	Year septic installed: 1997	Tank size (gals.): 2-1000	
How long has seller owned the property?		Number of residents in home?	
Number of bedrooms? 3		Are all floors drained by gravity? Y	
Garbage disposal? N		Whirlpool bath? N	
More than one system (laundry, etc.)? N			
Does this property have any footing drain tiles connected to the septic 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 buildings? N			
Location of septic system on lot? Northwest Side			
Location of water well on lot? South Side		Is the 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? 7/13/2021		Name of pumper: Smilie's Sewer Service	
How often pumped in previous years?		Is system on a monitoring plan? N	
Have you received notices from any government agency concerning this system? N			
Is your property located in a shoreland management area? Y			
Do you have any additional information that should be given to the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NO SCALE**

**14289 St Croix Trail, May Twp, MN 55082**

## Log Of Soil Borings

Location of Project:		14289 St Croix Trl N, May Twp, MN 55082	
Borings Made By:		Inspect Minnesota	Date: 5/16/17
Auger Used:		Hand/Bucket	Classification System: USDA
Boring Number:		1	Boring Number: 2
Surface Elevation of Boring		Surface Elevation of Boring	
Depth In Inches	<u>Soils Encountered</u>	Depth In Inches	<u>Soils Encountered</u>
0-12 12-43 43-48 48-54	10YR 2/2 Loamy Fine Sand 10YR 3/3 Medium To Fine Sand 10YR 3/4 Fine Sand 10YR 3/4 Fine Sand With Refusal At 54"	0-17 17-23 23-55	10YR 2/2 Silt Loam 10YR 3/3 Medium To Fine Sand 10YR 3/4 Medium Sand With Refusal At 55"
54"	Depth To End Of Boring Or Redox	55"	Depth To End Of Boring Or Redox
Same	Elevation Of Boring Relative To System	Same	Elevation Of Boring Relative To System
-23"	Depth To Bottom Of Distribution Media	-23"	Depth To Bottom Of Distribution Media
≥31"	Of Separation	≥32"	Of Separation
End Of Boring At:	54"	End Of Boring At:	55"
Redox Present At:	None	Redox Present At:	None
Standing Water Present At:	None	Standing Water Present At:	None

Bottom Of Distribution Medium At: 23 Inches

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Logs of Soil Borings

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Location or Project 14289 of 11 Crux Tr.  
 Borings made by J. Gill Date 8-9-03  
 Classification System: AASHO     ; USDA-SCS X; Unified     ; other       
 Auger used (check two): Hand X, or Power     ; Flight     , or Bucket X; other     

Depth, in feet	Boring number <u>B-1</u>	Depth, in feet	Boring number <u>    </u>
	Surface elevation <u>Same as T.O.G. @ 0-1/2</u>		Surface elevation <u>    </u>
0	<u>6-18"</u>	0	
1	<u>7.5 YR 4/2 BRN. LOAMY FINE SAND</u>	1	
2	<u>18-42"</u>	2	
3	<u>7.5 YR 4/3 BRN. LOAMY FINE SAND</u>	3	
4	<u>42-72"</u>	4	
5	<u>7.5 YR 4/6 ST. BRN. SAND &amp; GRAVEL</u>	5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	

End of boring at 6 feet.  
 Standing water table:  
 Present at      feet of depth,  
     hours after boring.  
 Not present in boring hole X.  
 Mottled soil:  
 Observed at      feet of depth.  
 Not present in boring hole X.  
 Observations and comments:

End of boring at      feet.  
 Standing water table:  
 Present at      feet of depth,  
     hours after boring.  
 Not present in boring hole     .  
 Mottled soil:  
 Observed at      feet of depth.  
 Not present in boring hole     .  
 Observations and comments:

TOP OF DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM AT:      INCHES  
 BOTTOM OF DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM AT: 12-18 INCHES  
 REMARKS:       
 WERE SOIL SAMPLES SPRAYED? YES X NO

## **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 only 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

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Non-transferable

# Business License

Midwest Sewer Services

License # L2896

License Expires: 12/22/2021

Issued: 11/06/2020

## Specialty Area(s):

Installer

Maintainer

Service Provider

Advanced Designer

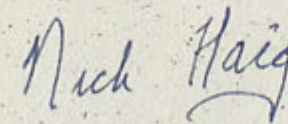
Advanced Inspector

## 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	3/4/2024
	Designer, Inspector	

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