

ZIERKE SOIL TESTING

Robin Smith
15679 220th St N
Scandia, MN 55079

6/27/2023


Dear Robin Smith,

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 septic 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 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: 1303220210003 Reason for Inspection Sale
 Local regulatory authority info: Washington County
 Property address: 15679 220th St N Scandia, MN 55079
 Owner/representative: Robin Smith Owner's phone: 651-206-2165
 Brief system description: Pre-cast septic tank, pre-cast lift tank, mound dispersal system

System status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/27/2023

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

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

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

During inspection process, the following items were identified as defective and replaced/repared: septic tank cover, sewer line between septic tank and lift tank, and outlet baffle on the septic tank. System was functioning normally during site visit 6/7/2023. Homeowner reported no past issues.

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: Benjamin Zierke 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 System/As-Built Locally required forms Tank Integrity Assessment Operating Permit
 Other information (list): _____

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:

None of the above observed during site visit 6/7/2023.

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 Smilies Sewer - see attached.

Attached supporting documentation:

- Empty tank(s) viewed by inspector
- Name of maintenance business: _____
- License number of maintenance business: _____
- Date of maintenance: _____
- Existing tank integrity assessment (Attach)
- Date of maintenance (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/9/2023
(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 9/26/1979 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)
- _____

Indicate depths or elevations

A. Bottom of distribution media	101.2'
B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock	98.5'
C. System separation	2.7'
D. Required compliance separation*	2.0'

*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:

See attached boring log and sketch.

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.

**Relative Elevations
in Decimal Feet:**

B1: 100.0

B1 Redox: 98.5

Bottom of rock: 101.2

B1 Separation: 2.7

**Benchmark: 101.6
(cover on lift tank)**

B1

Mound System

Tanks



Logs of Soil Borings

Location of Project: 15679 220th St N Scandia, MN 55079

Borings Made by Ben Zierke

Date:

6/7/2023

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-----	-----
0-12"	10YR 3/2 sandy loam		
12-18"	10YR 4/3 silt loam		
18-24"	7.5YR 5/4 silt loam, 5YR 5/8 and 7.5YR 5/2 redox		

End of boring at 2 feet

Standing water table:

Present at _____ feet of depth _____ Hours after boring

Standing water not present in hole

Mottled Soil:

Observed at 1.5 feet of depth

Mottled soil 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

Mottled Soil:

Observed at _____ feet of depth

Mottled soil 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

Mottled Soil:

Observed at _____ feet of depth

Mottled soil 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

Mottled Soil:

Observed at _____ feet of depth

Mottled soil not present in bore hole

Comments:

Tank Integrity and Safety Compliance



System Status: Compliant Noncompliant
(as determined by this form)

Date of observation: 6/9/2023 Reason for observation: Inspection
This form expires on (three years): 6/9/2026
Number of tanks: 2

Compliance Questions/Criteria (required):

(Check the appropriate box)

Does the system consist of a seepage pit*, cesspool, drywell, or leaching pit? Yes No
Do any sewage tank(s) leak below their designed operating depth? Yes No

If yes, identify which sewage tank leaks.
Any "yes" answer indicates that the system is failing to protect ground water.

*Seepage pits meeting 7080.2550 may be compliant if allowed in ordinance by local permitting authority.

Notes: _____

Verification Method**(optional):

(Check the appropriate box)

Probed tank bottom
 Observed low liquid level
 Examined construction records
 Examined empty (pumped) tank
 Probed outside tank for "black soil"
 Pressure/vacuum check
 Other _____

**No standard protocol exists. This list is not exhaustive, in sequential order, nor does it indicate which combinations are necessary to make this determination.

Safety Check

- Are maintenance hole covers damaged, cracked, or appear to be structurally unsound? Yes* No
 - Were maintenance hole covers replaced in a secured manner (e.g., screws replaced)? Yes No*
 - Was secondary access restraint present (safety pan, second cover, or safety netting) – highly recommended. Yes No
 - Are other safety/health issues present? Yes* No
- Explain: _____
*System is an imminent threat to public health and safety.

Certification

This form is to be completed and attached to the Summary Form of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) **Compliance Inspection Form for Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems**. Observations, interpretations, and conclusions must be completed by an inspector, maintainer, or service provider. Completed form must be submitted to the local unit of government within 15 days.

Property owner name(s): Robin Smith
Property address: 15679 220th St N Scandia
Property owner's address (if different): _____
County: Washington Property owner phone: 651-433-4433
I hereby certify that I personally made the observations, interpretations, and conclusions report on this form and that they are correct.
Name: Keith Valento Certification number: 6457
Business license name and number: Smilie's Sewer Service 2428 or
Name of local unit of government: Washington County
Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/9/2023