



**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

520 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.

For local tracking purposes:

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

### System Status

System status on date (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/1/2017

**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: 1402921240008

Property address: 3597 Kelvin Avenue, Lake Elmo, MN 55042 Reason for inspection: Property Transfer

Property owner: Justin Grippoli Owner's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Local regulatory authority: Washington County Regulatory authority phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief system description: 1250 gallon septic tank and gravity flow trenches.

Comments or recommendations:

### 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: Jeffrey Fertig Certification number: 2942

Business name: Sunrise Septic License number: 2299

Inspector signature: *Jeffrey Fertig* Phone number: 651-253-2969

### Necessary or Locally Required Attachments

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

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

**Compliance criteria:**

System discharge sewage to the ground surface.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
System discharge sewage to drain tile or surface waters.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
System cause 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:

**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.	<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.**

Comments/Explanation:

Pumper Testimony

**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 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:** Prior to 4/1/97  Unknown  
**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 of elevations**

A. Bottom of distribution media	36
B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock	>72"
C. System separation	36"
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.*

# SUNRISE SEPTIC SERVICES, INC.

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## ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM CONDITION REPORT

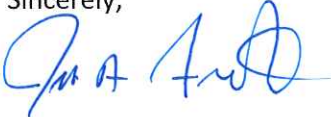
**DATE:** June 1, 2017  
**CLIENT:** Justin Grippoli  
**ADDRESS:** 3597 Kelvin Avenue, Lake Elmo, MN 55042  
**PID#:** 1402921240008

### REPORT SUMMARY:

At the request of the seller of this property, I have completed an MPCA Compliance Inspection for the septic system located on the parcel. It is my opinion that this onsite sewage treatment system is compliant. The system has a 1200-gallon solid septic tank and three gravity flow trenches. Predicated on my inspection of the system it is my opinion that this system presently meets MPCA minimum compliance inspection requirements.

Redoximorphic features were found at 72 inches below grade. The bottoms of the trenches were approximately 36 inches below grade rendering the system with approximately 36 inches of separation. The septic and lift tanks appeared to be watertight and all baffles were in place and functioning properly. Smiley's Septic pumped the tank and reported it to be sound.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Fertig  
Sunrise Septic Services, Inc.

**NOTE:** This report is not complete without the inclusion/attachment of the respective MPCA Septic System Compliance Inspection form, which consists of three separate pages, a site diagram, a soil boring log(s) and a Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. disclaimer sheet. This report/inspection is being done for only the seller and the buyer of this property. There is no contract between Sunrise Septic Services and any other party except the seller/buyer. Liability to Sunrise Septic Services Inc. is limited to the cost of this inspection.



## Sunrise Septic Services DISCLAIMER SHEET

Relative to Septic System Compliance Inspections:

1. This inspection/report is being performed for only the seller/owner or of the property on which the septic system is located; there is no contract between Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. and any other party except the seller/owner unless otherwise noted. In such case that the buyer of the property is paying for the inspection, the contract is between only the buyer of the property and Sunrise Septic Services, Inc., there is no contract with any other party unless otherwise noted. **Liability to Sunrise Septic Services Inc. is limited to the cost of this inspection.**
2. Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. has not been retained to warrant, guarantee, or certify the proper functioning of the system for any period of time beyond the date of inspection or the future. Because of the numerous factors (usage, maintenance, tank pumping, soil characteristics, previous failures, etc.) which may affect the proper operation of a septic system, as well as the inability of Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. to supervise or monitor the use or maintenance of the system, the report shall not be construed as a warranty by Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. that the system will function properly for any particular person for any period of time.
3. Minimum Compliance Inspection requirements relative to this inspection and this report include only verification that the septic system has a water tight septic tank(s) and lift tank, the required separation from the bottom of the drainfield/mound distribution medium and saturated soils, no back-ups of sewage into the dwelling, and no discharge of sewage/effluent onto the ground surface or surface water (lakes, streams, etc.) Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. does not inspect basement ejector pumps or exterior lift tank pumps as they are considered to be a "maintenance item". Sewage backup verification is limited to observing the floor drain area and/or the information supplied by the last occupants of the dwelling prior to inspection Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. cannot guarantee that the information given to them by the last occupants of the dwelling prior to inspection relative to backups or failure is accurate. Some persons may attempt to hide or conceal signs of previous back-ups.
4. Certification of this system does not warranty future use beyond the date of the inspection. Any system, old or new, can be hydraulically overloaded as a result of more people moving into the house than were previously occupying the house, improper maintenance and/or heavy usage, tree roots, freezing conditions, surface drainage problems, or the system can simply stop working because of its age. The average life expectancy of a properly maintained septic system is twenty five years.
5. A Compliance Inspection is not meant to be a test or inspection for longevity of the septic system, a Compliance Inspection is strictly for the purpose of determining if the septic system is polluting the environment at the date and time the inspection is performed. This inspection is not intended to determine if the septic system was originally designed or installed to past or present MPCA or Local Unit of Government code requirements.
6. WINTER WORK: Client (person paying for inspection) understands that inspections conducted during winter weather (approximately November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>) are more difficult to perform because of the possible snow cover and ground frost. Septic system components such as tanks, tank covers, drop boxes, drop box covers and soil treatment areas are more difficult to locate because of snow cover and ground frost. Soil borings and locating drainfields are more difficult to perform because of ground frost. Sunrise Septic Services, Inc. will attempt to use the same level of standards when performing winter work as when performing non-winter work. However, the client understands that because of aforementioned considerations, the same level of standards may not be possible.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey A. Fertig  
Inspector/Owner

Soil Boring Log

Date: June 1, 2017

Property Owner: Justin Grippoli

Site Address: 3597 Kelvin Avenue, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

PID: 1402921240008

Depth of System: \_\_\_\_\_

Shoreland Area: Yes No

Depth to Restrictive Layer: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Soil Separation : \_\_\_\_\_ inches

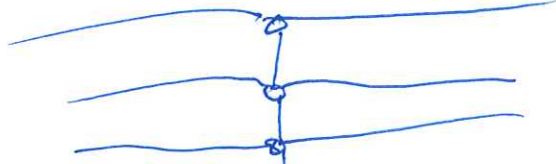
Type of Observation: Soil Boring 158B

General Soil Texture: Sand Loam Clay

Depth	Texture	Color	Notes
0-28"	Sandy Loam	10 YR 3/3	
28-40	gravelly sand	10 YR 4/4	
40-72"	Coarse sand	10 YR 5/1	

Site Drawing or Photo:

① SB #1



Trenches



1250 gal Septic Tank



house





### Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Maintenance Permit

This section must be completed in its entirety to constitute a valid maintenance permit. This permit must be completed prior to performing maintenance activities and remain on-site for the duration of the maintenance activity.

Date of Maintenance: 5-22-17 Reason for Maintenance: Reg Maint  
 Property Address: 3397 Kelvin Ave N Property Owner's Name: Justin Groppli  
 Municipality: Lake Elmo ZIP: 55042 Property Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maintenance Permit No: 4734x6132 Maintainer Name and License No. Smilie's Sewer Service/L2428

Maintenance Performed	Tank Measurement (must be completed if tanks NOT pumped)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tank(s) Pumped <input type="checkbox"/> Sludge and scum measured Do tanks need to be pumped? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if no provide measurements)	Liquid Level of Tank _____ in Sludge Level in Tank _____ in Scum Level in Tank _____ in Sludge + Scum _____ / Liquid Level _____ X 100 = % Sludge & Scum _____ Tanks must be pumped if 25% or greater

- Access used to remove septage:  Maintenance Hole  Other (enter authorization code)
- Were all covers securely replaced?  Yes  No
- Is there evidence of tank leakage from a septic, holding, pretreatment or pump tank below the operating depth or evidence of damaged, cracked, or structurally unsound maintenance hole covers?  Yes  No

Tank	Leaking Out	Leaking In	Cover Damage
Septic/Holding Tank #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Septic/Holding Tank #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pretreatment Tank	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pump Tank	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. How many gallons of septage were removed?  
 Tank #1 500 gal Tank #2 \_\_\_\_\_ gal Pretreatment tank \_\_\_\_\_ gal Pump Tank \_\_\_\_\_ gal

5. Other information: List any troubleshooting, minor repairs conducted, tank safety concerns, or other concerns.  
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6. Location of septage disposal: Metro

Smilie's Sewer Service  
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 Scandia MN 55073  
 651-433-3934