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## **Inspect Minnesota & Midwest Soil Testing**

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SUBSURFACE SEWAG	E TREATMENT SYSTEM	(SSTS) COMPLIANCE REPORT		
Date: July 11, 2017	<b>Time:</b> 8:30 AM	<b>Owner:</b> Dave Erdman		
Inspection Address: 8155 59 <sup>th</sup> St N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042				

#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

I have performed an "MPCA Compliance Inspection" on this system, have reviewed the history of the system with the owner, Dave Erdman, and have reviewed the original design/permit records, along with a previous compliance inspection from 2012, which were on file at Washington County. This very old system (installed in 1983) consists of a pre-cast septic tank and a rock trench drainfield.

Predicated on my inspection of the system, my review of the history of the system with the owner, and my review of the previous compliance inspection, it is my opinion that this system <u>presently meets</u> MPCA minimum compliance inspection requirements.

Inspect Minnesota and Midwest Soil Testing 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. Inspect Minnesota and Midwest Soil Testing 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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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155-4194 Control Agency Existing Subsu

## **Compliance Inspection Form**

# Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)

Doc Type: Compliance and Enforcement

<b>nstructions:</b> Inspection results based on Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
equirements 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): 7/11/2017

#### 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:

Property address:	8155 59 <sup>th</sup> St N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042	Reason for inspection: Property Transfer
Property owner:	Dave Erdman	Owner's phone: 612-723-6932
or		
Owner's represen	tative:	Representative phone:
Local regulatory a	uthority: Washington County	Regulatory authority phone: _651-430-4052
Brief system description: A pre-cast septic tank and a rock trench drainf		ch drainfield.
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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:	Brian Humpal	Certification number:	L5342
Business name:	Inspect Minnesota, Midwest Soil Testing	License number:	L2896
Inspector signatur	e: Brian Humpal	Phone number:	651-492-7550

#### **Necessary or Locally Required Attachments**

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

Compliance criteria:			
System discharge sewage to the ground surface.	🗌 Yes 🖾 No		
System discharge sewage to drain tile or surface waters.	🗌 Yes 🖾 No		
System cause sewage backup into dwelling or establishment.	🗌 Yes 🖾 No		
Any "yes" answer above indicates the system is			

*Any "yes" answer above indicates the system is an Imminent Threat to Public Health and Safety.* 

Comments/Explanation:

None of the above found.

A soil boring over the drainfield indicated no signs of ponding or black/grey soils.

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

#### Compliance criteria:

System consists of a seepage pit, cesspool, drywell, or leaching pit.	🗌 Yes	🛛 No
Seepage pits meeting 7080.2550 may be compliant if allowed in local ordinance.		
Sewage tank(s) leak below their designed operating depth.	🗌 Yes	🛛 No
If yes, which sewage tank(s) leaks:		

## Any "yes" answer above indicates the system is Failing to Protect Groundwater.

Comments/Explanation:

Lowered underwater camera into tank - baffles and tank walls OK.

#### 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)

#### 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	s are damaged, o	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: 1983	Unknown	Verification method(s):	
Shoreland/Wellhead protection/Food Beverage Lodging?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	Soil observation does not expire. Previ observations by two independent partie	
Compliance criteria:		unless site conditions have been altere	
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: Drainfield has at least a two-foot vertical separation distance from periodically	⊠ Yes 🔲 No	<ul> <li>requirements differ.</li> <li>Conducted soil observation(s) (Attach boring</li> <li>Two previous verifications (Attach boring logs</li> <li>Not applicable (Holding tank(s), no drainfield)</li> <li>Unable to verify (See Comments/Explanation)</li> </ul>	
saturated soil or bedrock.		Other (See Comments/Explanation)	
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	Comments/Explanation: Reviewed previous compliance inspection from 2	ion from 2012.
Drainfield has a three-foot vertical separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.*			
"Experimental", "Other", or "Performance"	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	Indicate depths of elevations	
systems built under pre-2008 Rules; Type IV or V systems built under 2008 Rules (7080. 2350 or 7080.2400 (Advanced Inspector License required)		A. Bottom of distribution media	See Attached Boring Log(s)
Drainfield meets the designed vertical		B. Periodically saturated soil/bedrock	
separation distance from periodically saturated soil or bedrock.		C. System separation	
		D. Required compliance separation*	
Any "no" answer above indicates the Failing to Protect Groundwater.	he system is	*May be reduced up to 15 percent if all Ordinance.	owed by Local
Operating Permit and Nitrogen B	MP* – Compliand	e component #5 of 5 🛛 🛛 Not applica	able
s the system operated under an Operating Per	mit? 🗌 Yes	No If "yes", A below is required	
s the system required to employ a Nitrogen BM	IP? 🗌 Yes	⊠ No If "yes", B below is required	
BMP=Best Management Practice(s) specifi	ied in the system de	sign	
f the answer to both questions is "no",	this section doe	s not need to be completed.	
Compliance criteria			
a. Operating Permit number:			

#### 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, 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

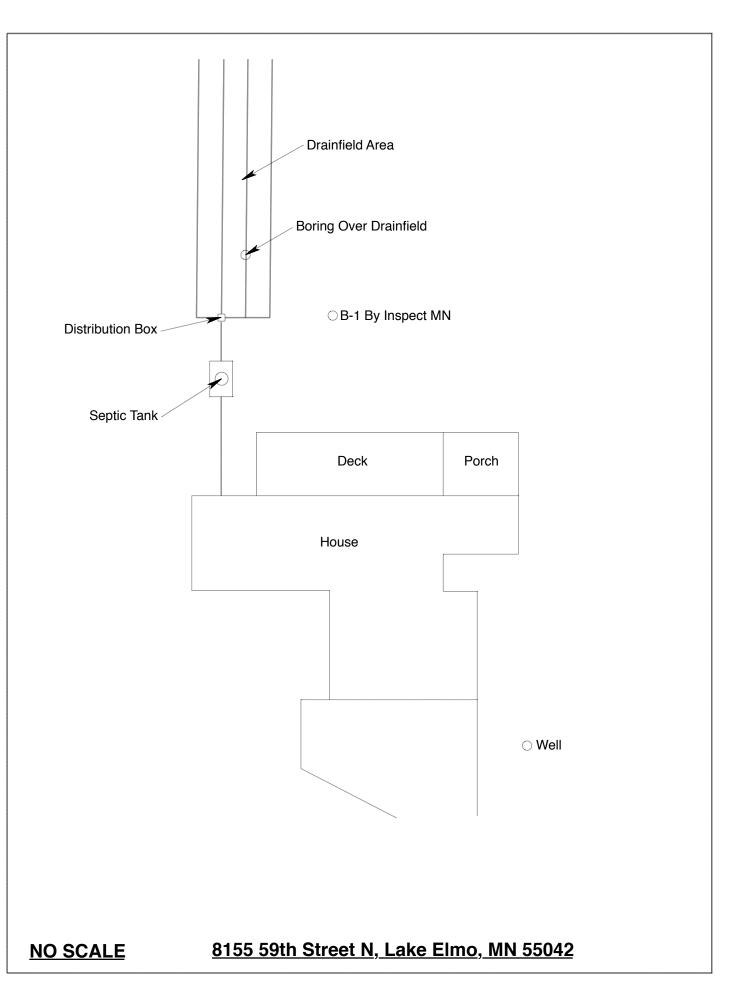
This information will be used for the purpose of conducting an MPCA Compliance Inspection.

Date of Inspection: July 11, 2017	Time: 8:30 AM					
Property Address: 8155 59 <sup>th</sup> St N, Lake Elmo, MN	Zip: 55042					
Property Owner: Dave Erdman	Phone: 612-723-6932					
Tank(s) Tank(s)Material Soil Treatment Sy						
$\square I ank(s) \qquad \square I ank(s) waterial \qquad Son Treatment sy  \square Septic 1 \qquad \square Fiberglass \qquad \square Rock trench$	Alternative system					
Aerobic Plastic Gravelless trend						
Lift Metal Chamber trench	n Cesspool system					
Holding Concrete Seepage bed	Other system					
Other:BlockMoundOtherAt-grade						
Are the tank maintenance covers accessible? $\Box$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No						
performed through the maintenance holes. Maintenance hol						
the ground surface to facilitate access and proper maintenand	ce of the system.					
Year house built: 1983 Year septic installed: 1983	Tank size (gals.): 1200					
	r of residents in home? 2					
Number of bedrooms? 4Are all floors drained	d by gravity? Y					
Garbage disposal? Y Whirlpool	bath? Y					
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						
Are there any additional systems on this property serving on	ner bundnigs? N					
Location of septic system on lot? South Side						
Location of water well on lot? Northwest Side	Is the well a deep well? Y					
Have you ever experienced any problems with the system su						
surfacing of sewage onto the ground, septic tank overflowing, etc.; or have any repairs been made						
to the system? N If yes, explain:						
When was the system last numbed? 07/10/2017 Name of number: Schlomka						
When was the system last pumped? 07/10/2017Name of pumper: SchlomkaHow often pumped in previous years? Every 5Is 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? N						
Do you have any additional information that should be given						
bo you have any additional information that should be given						

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: Dave Erdman's Signature On File

Date: 07/11/2017



## Log Of Soil Borings

	ation of Project:	8155 50th St N Lake		550/2	
Location of Project: 8155 59th St N, Lake Borings Made By: Inspect Minnesota				Date:	7/11/17
DC		Hand/Bucket	Classif	fication System:	USDA
				·	0001
	Boring Number:	1		Boring Number:	
Surface	Same grou	und surface as last	Surface	.c	
Elevation c	11 J	nfield trench	Elevation o		
Boring			Boring		
Depth In Inches	<u>Soils E</u>	<u>ncountered</u>	Depth In Inches	Soils En	countered
0-9	10YR 2/	1 Loamy Sand	THCHES		
9-32		3 Loamy Sand			
32-47	10YR 4/3 Mediu	m To Fine Sand With			
47.61		amallae Banding			
47-61	-	Fine Sand With amallae Banding			
61-67		my Fine Sand With			
<u> </u>		nd 10YR 6/2 Redox			
611	Jonth To Cad Of D	aning On Daday		Lanth To Fod Of D	ning Or Daday
	Depth To End Of B		Depth To End Of Boring Or Redox		
Same E	Elevation Of Boring	g Relative To System	Elevation Of Boring Relative To System		Relative To System
		Of Distribution Media			f Distribution Media
=32" 0	Of Separation		C	Of Separation	
	End Of Baring Att	67"		End Of Baring At.	
	End Of Boring At:	-		End Of Boring At:	
	Redox Present At:	61"		Redox Present At:	
Standing V	Nater Present At:	None	Standing	Water Present At:	

Bottom Of Distribution Medium At: 29 Inches

## Log Of Soil Borings

Location of Project: 8155 59th Street N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042						
	Lаке Еіто,	, I≌I I		4/17/12		
Во		Inspect Minnesota	Class		Date:	4/17/12
		Hand/Bucket	Class		ation System:	USDA
E	Boring Number:	1		Bo	oring Number:	2
Surface Elevation o Boring		surface as drainfield end of west drainfield trench	Surface Elevation Boring	ation of Same ground surface as		
Depth In Inches	<u>Soils E</u>	ncountered	Depth In Inches		<u>Soils Er</u>	ncountered
0-12 12-28 28-80	7.5YR 3 7.5YR 4/4	Loamy Fine Sand 3/4 Fine Sand Fine Sand With ae Bands After 72"	0-10 10-33 33-70 70-78		7.5YR Fine San 7.5YR 5/4 F 5YR 3/4 & 7.5YF 5YR 4/4 Very Fin	Loamy Fine Sand d With Trace Fines Fine Sand With R 4/4 Lamellae Bands te Sandy Loam With 5YR 4/6 Redox
80" D	epth To End Of B	oring Or Redox	70" Depth To End Of Boring Or Redox			oring Or Redox
	levation Of Borin	g Relative To System	Same Elevation Of Boring Relative To Syste		Relative To System	
	epth To Bottom ( If Separation	Df System	-34" =36"		pth To Bottom C Separation	of System
		0.0"		_		70"
	nd Of Boring At:	80"			d Of Boring At:	78"
	edox Present At:	None			dox Present At:	70"
Standing V	Vater Present At:	None	Standing	Wa	ater Present At:	None

Bottom Of Distribution Medium At: 28 Inches At Probe 1 Bottom Of Distribution Medium At: 34 Inches At Distribution Box

## **DISCLAIMER**

#### Brian L. Humpal, Inc. dba. 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 <u>only</u> 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 <u>Non-transferable</u> Business License

# Inspect Minnesota, Midwest Soil Testing

License # L2896

License Expires: 12/22/2017

Issued: 11/29/2016

Specialty Area(s): Installer Maintainer Service Provider Advanced Designer Advanced Inspector

# **Designated Certified Individual(s):**

Cert #	Name	<b>Certification Expires:</b>	
C5342	Brian L Humpal 10/15/2017 Installer, Maintainer, Serv Prov, Adv Designer, Adv Insp		
C9852	Christopher R Uebe Designer, Inspector	3/4/2018	



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