



## ***FLORIDA***

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Florida Administrative Code  
Standards for On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems  
Chapter 64E-6  
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<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/ostds/pdffiles/forms/64e6.pdf>

Onsite regulations for the State of Florida are revised annually. For the most current regulations use the URL provided above.

Performance based codes for the selection of any technology that has third-party testing data from NSF is eligible for approval. For technologies not listed within Florida State Code there exists an innovative system approval process, this can be reviewed in Chapter 64E-6EAC.

Management programs/contracts are recognized in code for NSF Standard 40 Class 1 aerobic treatment units. Any performance based treatment systems and industrial manufacturing zone systems are circumstances where maintenance/management contracts are required. Maintenance entities do exist in the State of Florida, please contact Mr. Holcomb using the information provided above for a printout of the existing maintenance entities.

The State of Florida does require onsite professionals to be certified. These certifications are renewable. Individual homeowners have a choice of county health department, licensed Professional Engineers, licensed septic tank contractors, or certified private evaluators for conducting site evaluations before an onsite system is installed. The State requires soil evaluations including: texture, soil drainage, setbacks to wells, and setbacks

to surface water as part of the site evaluation. State rule allows permits to be issued by the Country Health Department.

Licensed contractors perform system inspections upon request from the homeowner who is responsible for the cost of the inspection.

Permits are issued at the county level. Permits are tracked within the state for: new construction, repair of existing systems, and the upgrade or modifications of an existing system. Please contact Mr. Holcomb using the information provided above for more information on all types of permits.

Alternative/experimental/innovative technologies are permitted. These systems require an innovative system permit from the Tallahassee (State) office.

In Florida, SRF monies can be used to assist homeowners in the repair of a failing or malfunctioning system, replacement of a failing or malfunctioning system, or for new construction of an onsite wastewater treatment system; however, this process is not yet formally established. Please contact Mr. Mark Hooks at (850) 251-7493 for more information.

Onsite training programs exist in the State of Florida. The Florida Onsite Wastewater Association and the Florida Environmental Health Association are two programs which provide such training. For more information on these programs, please contact:

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Information regarding demonstrations and/or research that is currently ongoing within the State of Florida can be found by contacting:

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