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Minimum Design Standards for Design, Construction, and Operation of
Onsite Wastewater Systems
Department of Health and Environment
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<http://www.kdheks.gov/nps/resources/mf2214.pdf>

Kansas Administrative Regulations
Chapter 28, Article 5: Sewage and Excreta Disposal
January 1973

<http://www.kdheks.gov/pdf/regs/28-5t9.pdf>

Onsite regulations for Kansas were last updated in March 1997. They are not currently under revision, and there are no plans to do so.

The State of Kansas does not follow performance based codes for the selection of any (or all) technologies. For a technology to be used in Kansas, it may be viewed as an “enhanced treatment” technology. “Enhanced treatment technologies are not prohibited in the code. In fact, several are mentioned. Counties have the flexibility to allow “enhanced treatment” technologies but are encouraged to seek technical assistance from state onsite staff on new technologies.

Kansas does not recognize or require management programs/contracts or management districts to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual liquid waste systems. An operation/maintenance agreement for aerobic tanks is “strongly recommended to ensure system performance”. However, other state regulations and policies require that a sewer district must be created for onsite systems that collect/treat waste from more than one

source (home/business/etc.). Local agencies have authority to adopt or require maintenance/management programs through county sanitary codes; the State approves the County codes.

Kansas does not have a licensing/certification program for onsite wastewater professionals, such as installers, designers, inspectors, and site evaluators. Although there is no state licensing requirement, both local sanitarians and private contractors may perform site evaluations/inspections. As part of the site evaluation State code has a loading rate table based on percolation (minutes per inch) but does not require the use of a percolation test or soil profile. A soil profile analysis is highly recommended in the code. The county sanitarian conducts a pre-construction site evaluation in some counties. If an inspection is requested by the homeowner in the State of Kansas, the County sanitarian will conduct the inspection of the system. Most counties charge for the inspection, but some don't.

Permits for all individual onsite systems less than 2,500 gpd are issued by the counties. In Kansas, the number of permits issued state wide for new construction are tracked and the number of permits for the repair of existing systems will next year (2007). To obtain additional information contact:

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Permits for alternative/experimental/innovative technologies are not required at the state level.

There are no funding mechanisms in place at this time in the State of Kansas to assist homeowners to repair a failing or malfunctioning system; replace a failing or malfunctioning system; or for new construction of onsite wastewater treatment systems.

For information relating to onsite training programs available throughout the state of Kansas, please contact:

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