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Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080  
Individual Sewage Treatment System Program  
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<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html>

As of June 1, 2006 regulations for the State of Minnesota were last revised September 23, 2003. Currently, the entire code is being revised. Planned effective date will be late calendar year 2006.

The State of Minnesota will be instituting a product registration process that will help local regulators use treatment technologies and proprietary drainfield media. This will greatly enhance their ability to develop performance (versus prescriptive) systems. For information regarding circumstances which may allow for a technology not listed within your state code to be used please contact Ms. Barb McCarthy at 218-723-4710 for more information.

The State of Minnesota does recognize management programs/contracts or management districts to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual septic dispersal systems. The State requires operating permits for performance systems. More information is available at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html> . (This will expand in the coming rule change.)

For information on existing management programs currently in operation in the State of Minnesota, please contact:

Otter Tail Sanitary District  
Mr. Rollie Man – (218) 364-2250

Connexus Energy  
Mr. Rod Morton – (763) 323-2600

Crow Wing Sanitary Management District (newly established, will cover entire county)  
Mr. Chuck Kauppi – (218) 824-1125

There are many smaller subordinate service districts in the state. Most require operating permits. Examples of some known are: Cass County (contact Mr. Brent Rud – (218) 547-7256), Scott County (contact Mr. Al Frechette – (952) 496-8475), St. Louis (Mr. Dale Schroeder – (218) 725-5200), Rice County (Ms. Marilee DeGroot – (507) 332-6170), and Aitkin County (Mr. Terry Neff – (218) 927-7342).

MPCA has permitted large subsurface treatment systems and all have some type of management. The State can provide a list upon request, please contact Ms. Sabel at the above address.

The State of Minnesota requires onsite professionals to be certified. Minnesota currently has four areas of certification: design, installation, inspection and pumping. The coming rule change will add “maintainer”. More information is available at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html> .

These certifications are renewable on a three-year basis. More information is available at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html> .

If an inspection is requested by the homeowner, a Registered Inspector will conduct the inspection for a fee. For site evaluations, soil characterization is a critical design element in Minnesota. The State does not require percolation tests. More information is available at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html> .

A registered designer does site evaluations and then designs the system for the site. More information is available at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html> .

Permits for all onsite systems with flow less than 10,000 gallons/day are issued by local units of government. MPCA issues permits for large systems. More information is available at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html> .

The State Agency does not keep track of the number of permits issued state wide for: new construction, repair of existing system, or upgrade or modification. This information is kept with the local regulators. They file annual reports with MPCA, which are available

upon request. At this time different permits are not required for alternative/experimental/innovative technologies?

In the State of Minnesota, monies from State Revolving Funds (SRF) can be used to assist individual homeowners to:

- Repair a failing or malfunctioning system;
- Replacement of failing or malfunctioning system or for;
- New construction of onsite wastewater treatment systems;

For information regarding those funding or financing options, please contact:

Mr. Bill Dunn – (651) 282-2663

For information regarding onsite training programs, demonstration, research, or testing projects available in the State of Minnesota, please contact:

University of Minnesota

<http://septic.coafes.umn.edu/Events/index.html>