

**SAND MOUND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

Inspector's Name: _____

I. SITE PREPARATION

Date: _____

- A. MDE Certified Installer Name _____
- B. MDE Certified Installer Present _____
- C. Mound perimeter and absorption bed properly staked out on contour (field verified) _____
- D. No compaction by heavy equipment:
 - 1. Within mound perimeter _____
 - 2. Downslope from mound by 25 feet _____
 - 3. Within sewage disposal area _____
- E. Vegetation cut and properly removed _____
- F. Trees, if present, cut off at ground level and stumps left in place _____
- G. Soil moisture level low enough to permit construction and soils are not frozen _____
- H. Soil plowed or scarified within mound perimeter, on contour, and to a suitable depth _____
- I. Location of BAT unit(s) or septic tank(s) and pump chamber properly staked out _____

II. CONSTRUCTION

Date: _____

- A. **Septic Tank (s) or Enhanced Pretreatment units**
 - 1. Septic Tank(s) or BAT Units _____
 - 2. Number of tanks _____
 - 3. Tank type and construction meets specifications (i.e. top-seam, baffled, etc.) _____
 - 4. Capacity requirements met _____
 - 5. Proper installation, bedded and level _____
 - 6. Inlet and outlet pipes at proper elevations and water tight at tank pipe connections _____
 - 7. Baffles and/or tees properly installed _____
 - 8. Manhole access and risers 6 inches above finished grade _____
 - 9. Tank water tightness checked
 - a. Weep holes in tank walls/bottom sealed if present _____
 - b. 24-hour leakage test conducted _____
 - c. Proper vacuum test conducted _____
 - d. Riser to tank lid connection water tight and verified _____

B. Pump Chamber

- 1. Design specifications met _____
- 2. Six-inch block present under pump _____
- 3. Control panel meets specifications and properly sealed _____
- 4. Event counter/elapsed time meter/flow meter installed
(if required) _____
- 5. Proper float elevations (on/off/alarm) _____
- 6. Quick disconnect/siphon hole present in pump discharge
supply line (if required) _____
- 7. Proper elevation of influent pipe _____
- 8. Inlet and outlet pipes through tank walls properly sealed _____
- 9. Valves meet specifications on approved plan _____
- 10. Tank joints/seams above seasonal high water table _____
- 11. Manhole access provided & terminates 6 inches above
finished grade _____
- 12. Average day's design flow storage capacity above high
level alarm _____
- 13. Force main (supply line) diameter as specified on design _____
- 14. High water alarm on separate circuit than pump _____
- 15. Riser to tank lid connection watertight _____

C. Sand Fill and Absorption Area

- 1. Sand meets proper specifications on design _____
- 2. Sand fill brought to proper elevation _____
- 3. Sand fill covers basal area _____
- 4. Absorption bed has proper dimensions _____
- 5. Absorption bed is level _____
- 6. 6 inches of river gravel between sand fill and distribution pipe _____

D. Distribution System

- 1. Pressure rated pipe and fittings used _____
- 2. Fitting adequately bonded _____
- 3. Proper diameter of manifold _____
- 4. Proper diameter of lateral piping _____
- 5. Proper diameter of lateral perforations _____
- 6. Proper spacing of lateral perforations _____
- 7. Perforations oriented downward _____
- 8. End perforation suitable (sleeved/in end cap/on turn-up radius) _____
- 9. Two-inch gravel to cover laterals _____
- 10. Check of distribution system under pressure _____

E. **Final Placement of Fill and Topsoil**

- 1. Spun Geotextile fabric in place above gravel bed _____
- 2. Tapered cap present:
 - a. Twelve-inch depth at center _____
 - b. Six-inch depth at edges _____
- 3. Six-inch topsoil cover:
 - a. Present and graded _____
 - b. Seeded/ sod _____
 - c. Mulched _____
- 4. Sides of mound no steeper than 3:1 slope _____

F. **Monitoring Appurtenances**

- 1. Observation ports:
 - a. Proper location and number _____
 - b. Installed to proper depth and stable _____
- 2. Lateral turn-ups in place and protected with pipe sleeves or turf boxes _____

G. **Site Drainage and Proper Grading** (if required)

- 1. Surface water diversion _____
- 2. Curtain drain properly installed _____
- 3. Vertical drain _____

III. **PUMPING SYSTEM TEST**

Date: _____

- A. Pump-on switch is operational _____
- B. Pump-off switch is operational _____
- C. High level alarm switch is operational _____
- D. Volume of drawdown corresponds with specified dose _____
- E. System achieves specified pressure _____

IV. **Comments and As Built Drawing:**