INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY AND CAMROSE COUNTY

PERMIT NO.

PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PERMIT

Date:_____ Municipality _____ Roll # _____ Zone _____

Permit Applicant: ○ Owner ○ Contractor

Owner Name _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Email _____ Fax _____

Contractor/Firm Name _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Email _____ Fax _____

Project Location Street/Rural Address _____

Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ W4

INSTALLATION DETAILS _____

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY	TYPE OF WORK	INSTALLATION	TREATMENT DISPOSAL METHODS
☐ Single Residential ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Offsite Manufactured Home ☐ Shop ☐ Accessory Building ☐ Other: _____	☐ New ☐ Renovation ☐ Subdivision ☐ Other: _____	☐ New ☐ Alteration Expected Volume of Effluent: ☐ m^3/day _____ ☐ litres/day _____ ☐ gallons/day _____ (not to exceed 25 m^3/day) # of bedrooms: _____ (residential including basement and future development)	☐ Septic Tank ☐ Holding Tank ☐ Treatment Mound ☐ Treatment Field ☐ Open (Surface) Discharge ☐ Packaged Sewage Treatment Plant ☐ At-Grade ☐ Privy ☐ Other: _____

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_____ Certified Installer's Name (Print)

_____ Certified Installer's Signature

_____ Homeowner Signature **(homeowner permit only)**
By signing this application I hereby certify that I own or will own and occupy this dwelling.

Certified Installer's PS# _____

Office Use Only		
Permit Fee	SCC Levy ($4.50 or 4% of permit fee, max $560.00)	Issuer's Name
Travel Fee (Includes GST)	Total Cost	Issuer's Signature
Credit Card No.:	Receipt No.	Designation Number
	Expiry:	Permit Issue Date
	SCO Designation No.	SCO Signature

Permit expires two years after Permit Issue Date unless, prior to expiry date, an extension is applied for and accepted at the Discretion of the Safety Codes Officer.

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Private Sewage Treatment System

The following information will be required when submitting an application for a private sewage treatment system permit.

Site plan

Location of all buildings/proposed buildings and improvements
Location of well/cistern and any sloughs or waterways, water courses and property lines.

Septic tank, sewage holding tanks or sewage effluent tanks shall not be located within

a) 10 m (33 ft.) of a water source or water well,
b) 10 m (33 ft.) of a water course,
c) 1 m (3.25 ft.) of property line, and
d) 1 m (3.25 ft.) of a building

Open Discharge

1) An open discharge system may be installed in a location that provides separation distances from the point of discharge of not less than
    a) 50 m (165 ft.) to a water source includes water well, and or cistern
    b) 100 m (330 ft.) from a licensed municipal water well
    c) 45 m (150 ft.) to a water course except as required by Article 2.1.2.4.
    d) 90 m (300 ft.) to a property line, and
    e) 45 m (150 ft.) to a building.

2) The effluent discharge piping shall be buried to at least the point where the separation distances set out in Sentence (1) are met.

Treatment Fields

1) A treatment field, measured from any part of a weeping lateral trench, shall not be located within
    a) 15 m (50 ft.) of a water source or water well,
    b) 100 m (330 ft.) of a licensed municipal water well,
    c) 15 m (50 ft.) of a water course, except as provide in Article 2.1.2.4,
    d) 1.5 (5 ft.) of a property line,
    e) 10 m (33 ft.) from a basement, cellar, or crawl space, [1]
    f) 1 m (3.25 ft.) of a building that has a permanent foundation but does not have a basement, cellar or crawl space, and
    g) 5 m (17 ft.) from a septic tank or package sewage treatment plant.

    [1] Note: Clause (1)(d) – The 10m (33 ft.) requirement to a basement, cellar, crawl space is intended to protect excavations below grade from accumulating migrating effluent. A crawl space that is not below grade, or where the level of the ground surface at the soil based treatment area is below the level of the crawl space the separation required is 5 m (17 ft.) clearance, as it can be treated as a building without a basement.

Treatment Mounds

1) A treatment mound shall not be located within
    a) 15 m (50 ft.) of a water source or water well,
    b) 100 m (330 ft.) from a licensed municipal water well
    c) 15 m (50 ft.) of a water course, except as provided in Article 2.1.2.4.
    d) 3 m (10 ft.) of a property line,
    e) 3 m (10 ft.) of a septic tank,
    f) 10 m (33 ft.) of a basement, cellar or crawl space, and
    g) 10 m (33 ft.) of a building that does not have a basement, cellar, or crawl space.

Private Sewage System Design Document Example/Template
Open Discharge

PREFACE

This is an example Design Document for a septic tank and open discharge system. It reflects the information needed to demonstrate the design considerations for the particular site and system required by the Private Sewage Standard of Practice 2009 (Standard) have been made. Considerations needed for a particular site may go beyond those used as an example in this document.

This example document can be used as a template by editing or adding critical information to suit the particular site and system.

While it is preferable to use a consistent format to facilitate quick review, other formats of the design document may be accepted by the Safety Codes Officer (SCO), if the document includes the required information that shows the necessary design considerations were made.

A design is required in support of a permit application. It includes drawings and supporting information as it applies to the specific design. This is the information a SCO will review to evaluate whether design considerations required by the Standard have been adequately made prior to issuing the permit.

Including this design in the operation and maintenance manual that must be provided to the owner, will simplify development of the operation and maintenance manual.

PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM DESIGN EXAMPLE - OPEN DISCHARGE

Joe Smith
Box 1,
Somewhere, Alberta

Legal Description of Property: NW Sec 31, Twp 36, Rge. 28, W of 4 Mer.
Lot 1; Blk 1; Plan 123450

Municipal Address: 19035 - Rge. Rd. 28

The sewage system includes a septic tank and open discharge system. This system is suitable for the site and soil conditions of this property. The design reflected in the following applies, and meets, the requirements of the current Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice (Standard) to achieve effective treatment of the wastewater from this residence.

This sewage system serves a 4-bedroom single family dwelling. Based on the characteristics of the home identified during our review, the total peak wastewater flow that must be used for this design is 461 Imp. gallons per day. Although peak flow used in the design is 461 Imp. gal/day, an average operating flow of 300 Imp. gal/day is expected.

1 Wastewater Characteristics

1.1. Wastewater Peak flow

The development served is a 4-bedroom single-family dwelling. The total plumbing fixture unit load in this residence is 21 based on a review of the building. This requires 11 Imp. gal/day be added to the base peak daily flow. Fixture unit load is as follows:

- Main bath = 6 fixture units
- Bathroom with shower off master bedroom = 6 fixture units
- Kitchen sink = 1.5 fixture units
- Laundry stand pipe = 1.5 fixture units
- Bathroom in basement = 6 fixture units

No high-volume plumbing fixtures were identified in the review of this development.

Total peak daily flow used in the design is: **Base flow : 450 Imp. gal** **Additional flow : 11 Imp. gal**	**461 Imp. gal/day**

1.2. Wastewater Strength

Characteristics of the development were considered to assess sewage strength. No garbage grinders or other characteristics were identified that would cause typical wastewater strength to be exceeded.

Projected wastewater strength for the design is:	**BOD 220 mg/L** **TSS 220 mg/L** **Oil and Grease 50 mg/L**

1.3. Wastewater Flow Variation Considerations

The characteristics of this development indicate wastewater flow volumes will not vary substantially during the day or from day to day. No flow variation management is needed.

2 Site Evaluation Findings

2.1 Site Evaluation

The lot is 4 hectares (9.88 acres) in area. The dimensions of the property are shown in the drawing attached in Appendix A. The adjacent property is undeveloped farm land.

The proposed site has been reviewed as to consider the restrictions set out in Section 8.6.2.2 for prohibited open discharge installations. It has been confirmed that the number of subdivided parcels does not exceed 4, excluding the remnant parcel, as set out in the SOP.

The property has a 2% slope toward the north property line. Line locates confirmed there are existing utilities in along the north property line and an easement is in place.

The site evaluation assessed the area within in a 100 m (330 ft) radius of all components of the system design. No water courses or other setback constraints were noted. Pertinent features identified during the site review and the required setback distances are noted on the site plan in Appendix A.

2.2 Soils Evaluation

Two soil excavations were investigated on this site. Test Pit 1 is located at the proposed location of the open discharge outlet. The excavation for the basement was the second soil profile investigated. As these soil profiles show little variability they are adequate for design purposes. The location of test pit 1 is shown on the site plan in Appendix A. Soil profile descriptions are attached in Appendix B.

The area selected for the system must be kept clear of any utilities to be installed and no disturbance of the soil in that area can occur.

3 Key Soil Characteristics

3.1. Design Soil Conditions

- Redoximorphic features (mottling/gleying) that indicate saturated soil are not present to a depth of 6 feet below surface.
- To a depth of 5 feet the dominate soil is a fine sandy loam with blocky grade 2 structure.

3.2. Limiting Soil Condition

No limiting condition encountered.

3.3. Effluent Linear Loading Rate Design Consideration

The open discharge system design considered the 2% ground slope. Landscaping at the point of discharge will be done to encourage spreading of the effluent.

4 Initial Treatment Component Design Details

Details of the initial treatment components required for this design are attached in Appendix C.

4.1 Septic Tank and Dose Tank

4.1.1 Septic Tank

The working capacity of the septic tank specified for this design is 1218 Imperial gallons. Specifications for the Model ST 1218 Septic Tank used in this design are shown in Appendix C.

The minimum working capacity required for this development is 951 Imp. gallons based on Table 4.2.2.2 of the 2009 SOP for a 4 bedroom house (940 Imp. gal/day plus the additional flow of 11 Imp. gal.)

Burial depth of the septic tank at finished grading will be 4ft 6 inches above the top of the tank. This tank is rated for a maximum burial depth of 9 ft.10 inches. Insulation of the tank is not required as the burial depth exceeds 4 feet.

4.1.2 Dose Tank

The dose chamber is integral to the septic tank. It has a total capacity of 670 Imp. gal. This is sufficient capacity to deliver the 111 Imp. gal required for each dose of effluent. It also provides 220 Imp. gal emergency storage above the high effluent alarm setting. Specifications are shown in Appendix C.

4.1.3 High Liquid Level Alarm

An Alarm Tech Inc JB Series 1000T high level alarm is specified for this system. It shall be set to activate at 30.5 inches above the floor of the dose tank.

4.1.4 Effluent Filter

An inline 2 inch diameter Sim/Tech© model STF-100 effluent filter having an effective opening of less than 3.2 mm (1/8") is used. It creates a head loss of 0.5 feet at its rated flow of 80 Imp. gal/min. A 5.5 foot pressure head allowance has been included in the pump selection to allow for partially clogged conditions. A one year service interval is expected with typical flow volumes and wastewater characteristics.

5 Effluent Discharge Pipe Design Detail

5.1 Effluent Discharge Pipe

The open discharge delivery pressure piping design calculations are provided in detail in Appendix E. The open discharge system schematic drawing is included in Appendix D.

Pressure head loss due to friction

The friction loss through the 290 feet of piping and filter at the flow of 13 Imp. gal/min is 12 feet of head pressure.

Pressure head to meet vertical lift requirements include:

- Lift distance of effluent from the low effluent level in the tank to the end of the open discharge pipe is 11feet.
- The design pressure head at end of open discharge pipe is 2 feet.

Vertical lift and friction loss results in a **total pressure head** requirement of **25 ft.**

Pump specifications:

Demands for this pressure effluent line are **13 Imp. gal/min (15 U.S. gal/min)** at **25 feet** of pressure head.

A Myers model ME3F effluent pump (1/3 hp) is specified for this system. The pump specifications with the effluent distribution system demands plotted on the pump curve are included in Appendix C.

5.2 Effluent Dosing Volume and Control settings.

The volume of effluent discharged in a single dose event will be approximately 20% of the peak flow which is 92 gallons.
Liquid volume in 100 feet of 1 ¼ inch polyethylene pipe = 6.48 gallons.
For 290 feet of pipe the volume is 19 Imp. gallons
Total dose volume between on and off float settings =
92 Imp. gallons + 19 Imp. gallons = 111 Imp. gallons.

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Total individual dose volume determining float settings is **111 Imp. gal in order to deliver 92 gallons per dose** to the end of the open discharge pipe.

Effluent Level Float Control Settings

The dose tank dimensions result in 12 Imp. gallons per inch of depth. The float control elevations shall be set at:

- 9 inches between float off and on elevations [111 Imp. gal ÷12 Imp. gal/inch].
- Off: 19 inches off floor of dose tank
- On: 28 inches off floor of dose tank
- Alarm set at 1.5 inches above pump on elevation (29.5 inches off floor based on float elevations set out in this design).

Redundant off float control is not required by this design. No manual pump on switch is included in the system. The effluent level control floats will be attached to a 1 inch PVC pipe independent float mast that will withstand the dose tank environment.

5.3 Effluent Quality Sampling

Effluent samples can be taken from the effluent dose tank if required.

6 Initial operational set up parameters

The following activities need to be conducted to commission the system:

- Clean the septic tank of any construction debris and flush effluent delivery line.
- Confirm the residual 2 foot head is achieved and the discharge is effectively controlled and directed to prevent erosion.
- Confirm float levels are set to deliver the dose volume required by this design.

7 Operation and Maintenance Manual

The Owner's Manual detailing the design, operation, and maintenance of the installed system will be provided to the owner in accordance with Article 2.1.2.8 of the Standard of Practice.

Signature and closing by the designer/Installer.

Attachments:
Appendix A – Site Information [Site Plan, Drawings, etc.]
Appendix B – Soil Information, Soil Profiles, Laboratory Soil Analysis, etc.
Appendix C – Specifications for System Components
Appendix D – Detailed System Schematics, Drawings and Worksheets

This design has been developed by (name of certified person and company name). This design meets the requirements of the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2009 unless specifically noted otherwise and in such case special approval is to be obtained prior to proceeding with installation of this design. *(Carry on with any other qualifications or limitations that in your opinion as the designer/installer are needed.)*

Appendix A – Site Information

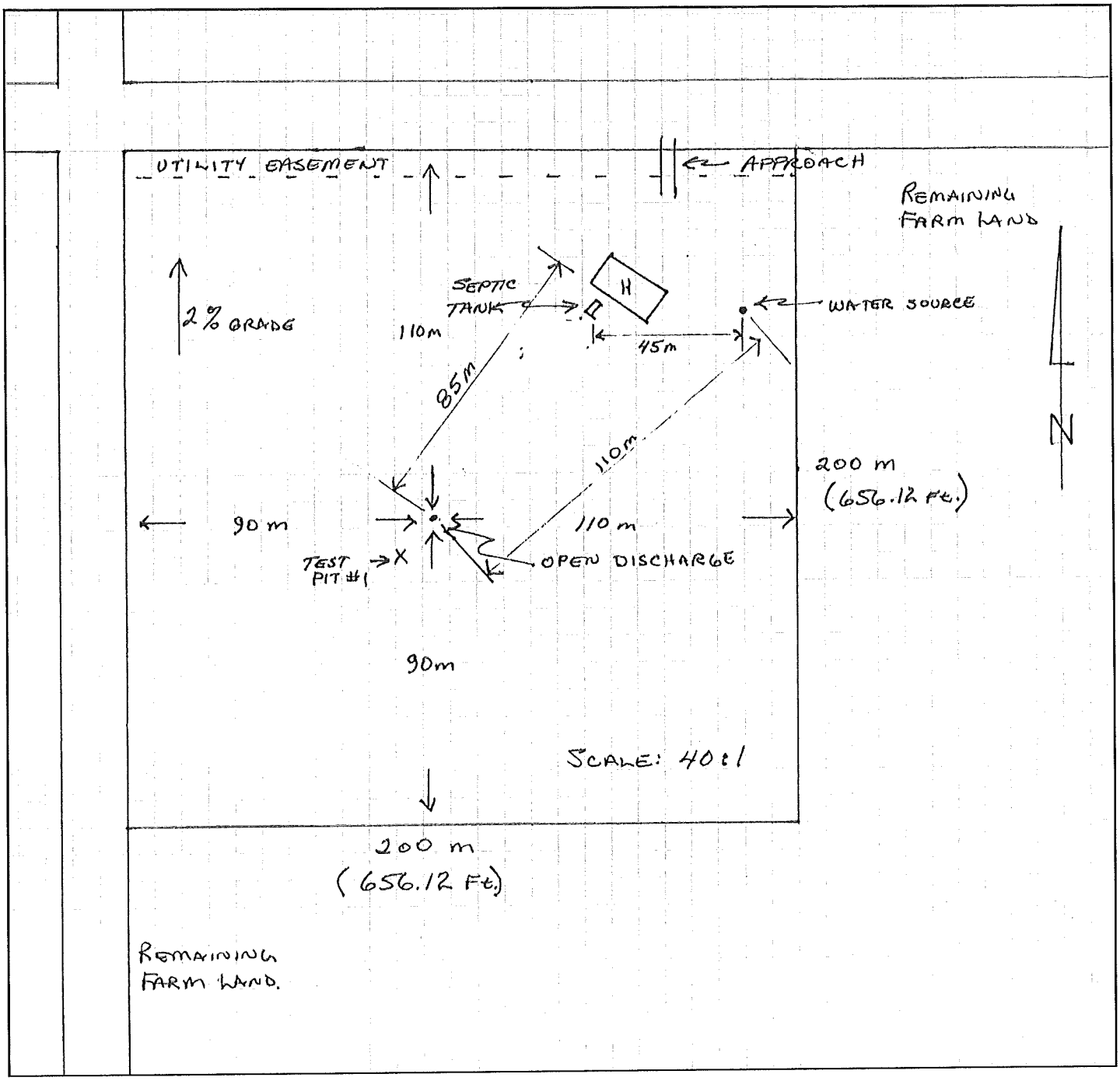

Figure A1 – Detailed Site Plan

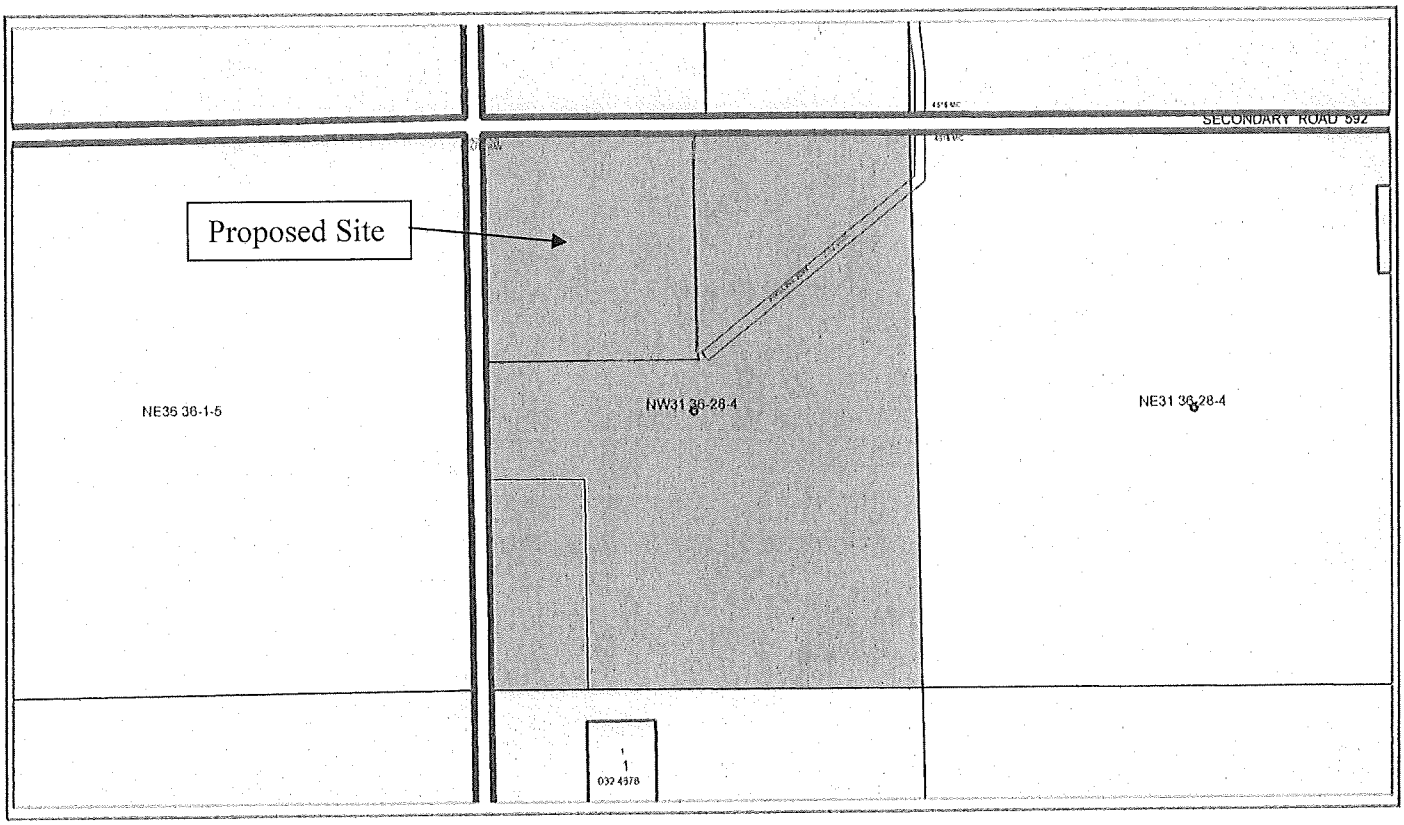

Figure A2 – Subdivision Plan

Appendix B - Alberta Private Sewage Treatment System Soil Profile Log Form

Smith Residence Soil Assessment

Legal Land Location								Test Pit GPS Coordinates	
LSD-1/4	Sec	Twp	Rg	Mer	Lot	Block	Plan	Easting	Northing
NW	31	36	28	W4M	12	1	123450	65024	34535

Investigation Date: May 17th, 2011.	Vegetation notes: Prairie grasses.	Overall site slope	2% at open discharge site.
		Slope position of test pit:	Upslope position of property

Test hole No.	Soil Subgroup	Parent Material	Drainage	Depth of Lab sample #1	Depth of Lab sample #2
Test Pit #1				30 – 36 in.	

Hori-zon	Depth (cm) (in)	Texture	Lab or HT	Colour	Gleying	Mottling	Structure	Grade	Consistence	Moisture	% Coarse Fragments
A	Surface to 24 in.	Fine Sandy Loam (FSL)	HT	Dark brown.	None.	None.	Granular	2	Friable	Moist	20%
B	24 to 60 in.	Fine Sandy Loam (FSL)	HT and Lab	Light brown.	None.	None.	Blocky	3	Friable	Moist to dry.	5%
B	60 to 84 in.	Silt Loam (SIL)	HT	Light brownish grey.	None.	None.	Prismatic	2	Friable to firm.	Moist.	<1%
C	84 to 96 at end of test pit.	Sandy Clay (SC)	HT	Light to dark grey.	At 7.5 ft saturated and gleyed.	7 to 7.5 ft Many distinct prominent mottles.	Massive	0	Firm	Moist to wet.	<5%

Depth to Groundwater	7.5 feet.	Restricting Soil Layer Characteristic	Massive Structured Sandy Clay restricts downward effluent movement.
Depth to Seasonally Saturated Soil	7 feet.	Depth to restrictive Soil Layer	7 feet.
Site Topography	Slightly undulating.	Depth to Highly Permeable Layer Limiting Design	Not encountered in this soils assessment and design.
Key Soil Characteristics applied to system design effluent loading	The lab grain size analysis of the sand portion in the Fine Sandy loam soil from 24 to 60 inches determined the sand fraction is fine grained. This is the key soil horizon the system design must consider.		

Weather Condition notes: Slightly overcast with moderate wind – no rain or other conditions that would impact soils assessment were encountered.

Comments (such as root depth and abundance or other pertinent observations): Roots extend to 5 feet (very fine at that depth) indicating no obvious limiting characteristic in the soil.

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Smith Residence Soil Assessment

Legal Land Location								Test Pit GPS Coordinates	
LSD-1/4	Sec	Twp	Rg	Mer	Lot	Block	Plan	Easting	Northing
NW	31	36	28	W4M	12	1	123450	64964	34557

Investigation Date: May 17th, 2011.	Vegetation notes: Prairie grasses.	Overall site slope 2%	Variable across site.
		Slope position of test pit:	Nominally flat.

Test hole No.	Soil Subgroup	Parent Material	Drainage	Depth of Lab sample #1	Depth of Lab sample #2
Basement excavation				35 to 45 in.	

Hori -zon	Depth (cm) (in)	Texture	Lab or HT	Colour	Gleying	Mottling	Structure	Grade	Consistence	Moisture	% Coarse Fragments
A	Surface to 22 in.	Fine Sandy Loam (FSL)	HT	Dark brown.	None.	None.	Granular	2	Friable	Moist	25%
B1	22 to 63 in.	Fine Sandy Loam (FSL)	HT and Lab	Light brown.	None.	None.	Blocky	3	Friable	Moist to dry.	5%
B2	63 to 84 in.	Silt Loam (SIL)	HT	Light brownish grey.	None.	None.	Prismatic	2	Slightly friable.	Moist to dry.	4%
C	84 to 96 in.	Sandy Clay (SC)	HT	Light to dark grey.	At 7.5 ft is saturated and gleyed.	At 7 to 7.5 ft many prominent distinct mottles	Massive	0	Firm	Moist to wet.	<2%

Depth to Groundwater	7.5 feet.	Restricting Soil Layer Characteristic	Sandy clay massive structure restricts downward effluent movement.
Depth to Seasonally Saturated Soil	7 feet.	Depth to restrictive Soil Layer	7 feet.
Site Topography	Slightly undulating.	Depth to Highly Permeable Layer Limiting Design	Not encountered in this soils assessment and design.
Key Soil Characteristics applied to system design effluent loading	The lab grain size analysis of the sand portion in the Fine Sandy loam soil from 22 to 63 inches determined the sand fraction is fine grained. This is the key soil horizon the system design must use.		

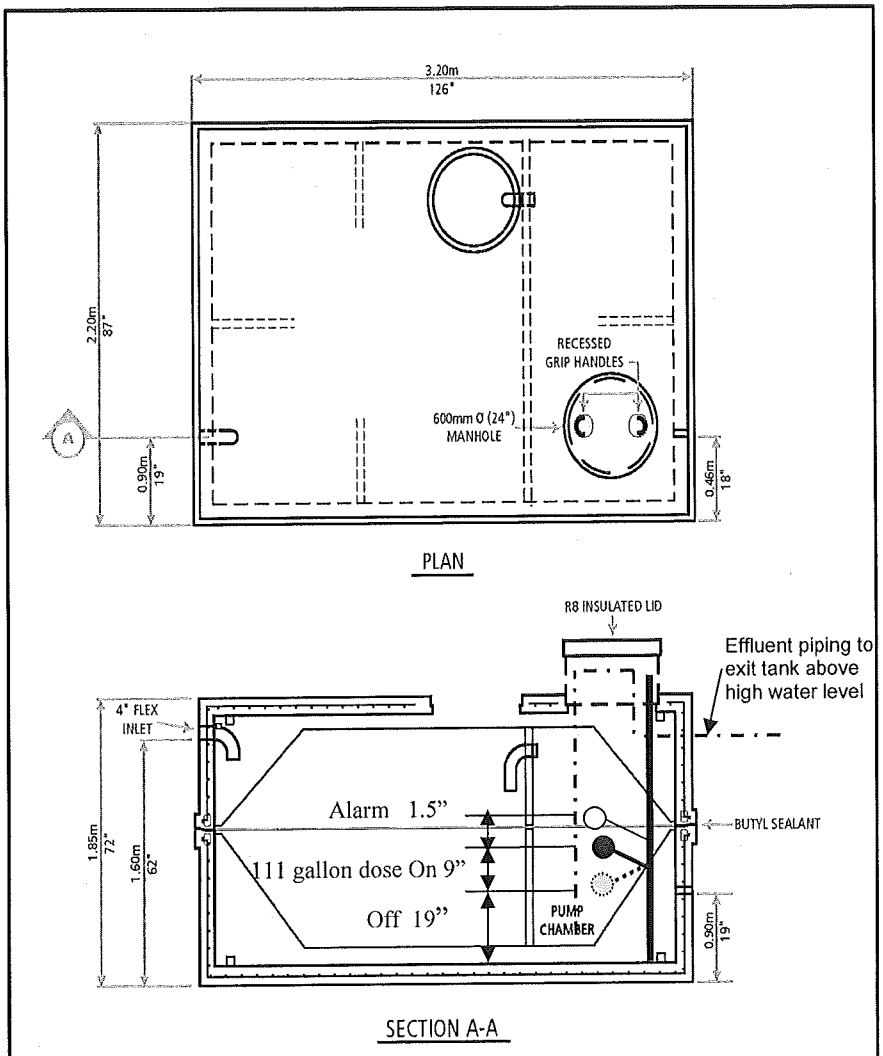
Weather Condition notes: Slightly overcast with moderate wind - no rain or other conditions that would impact soils assessment were encountered.

Comments (such as root depth and abundance or other pertinent observations): Fine roots were observed to a depth of 5.5 ft.

Insert lab analysis results of soil samples taken for determining soil texture!

Appendix C - Manufacturer's and Design Specifications for System Components

Septic Tank Specifications and Float Setting Details.



The Septic Tank Company
Mid Town,
Alberta

WEIGHT	GROSS/WORKING CAPACITY	EARTH COVER
T: 7,400 B: 7,400 (lbs)	2,000 / 1,218 (gal)	5'-10¾" (max)
T: 3,357 B: 3,357 (kg)	9,000 / 5,537 (l)	1.80m (max)
MODEL ST1218 **2-PIECE SEPTIC TANK**		CSA

LENGTH		WIDTH		HEIGHT		REVISION
10'-6"	3.20m	7'-6"	2.29m	6'-0"	1.85m	2.0

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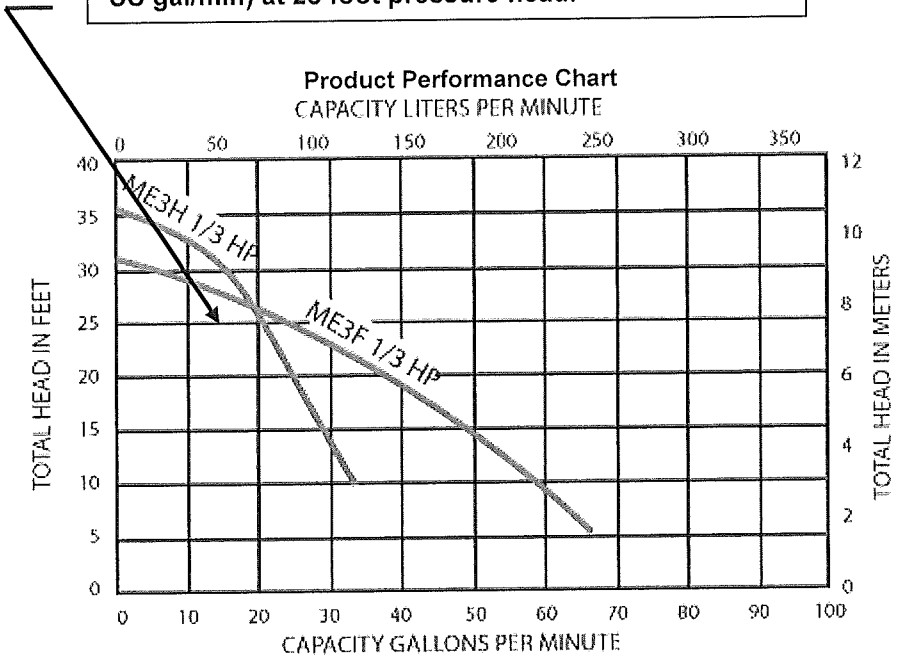
Pump Specifications

Myers Model ME3F Selected

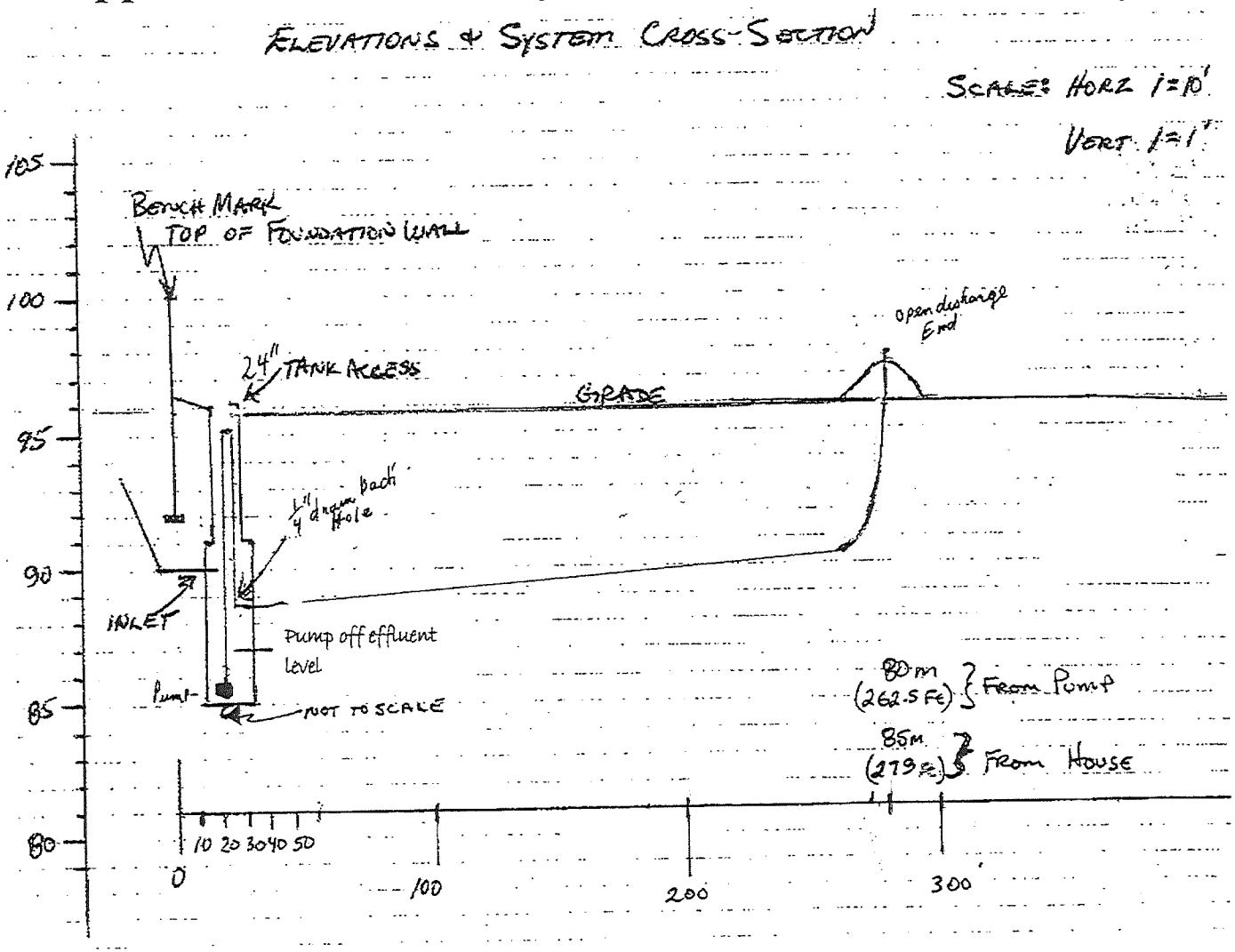
Product Capabilities

Capacities:	ME3H ME3F	36 GPM 66 GPM	136 LPM 249 LPM
Shut-Off Head:	ME3H ME3F	35 ft. 31 ft.	10.7 m 9.5 m
Max. Spherical Solids:		3/4 in.	19 mm
Liquids Handling:		domestic effluent and drain water	
Intermittent Liquid Temp.:		up to 140°F	up to 60°C
Motor Electrical Data:		1/3 HP, 1550 RPM, shaded pole, oil-filled, 115V, 12A, 1Ø, 60Hz; 230V, 6A, 1Ø, 60Hz	
Housing:		heavy cast iron	
Acceptable pH Range:		6–9	
Specific Gravity:		.9–1.1	
Viscosity:		28–35 SSU	
Discharge, NPT:		1-1/2 in.	38.1 mm
Min. Sump Diameter:	Simplex Duplex	24 in. 36 in.	61 cm 91.4 cm
Power Cord:		20 in., 16/3, SJTW	

Smith residence system demand: 13 imp gal/min. (15 US gal/min) at 25 foot pressure head.



Appendix D- Detailed System Schematics and Drawings



Pressure Distribution, Orifice, Pipe & Pump Sizing

This design worksheet was developed by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association.

The completed installation is to comply with Alberta Private Sewage Standard of Practice 2009.

This worksheet is for use in Alberta to: size the orifices in distribution lateral pipes, size effluent delivery piping, and to calculate the required capacity and pressure head capability of the effluent pump.
It can be used for: calculating delivery of effluent to laterals in disposal fields, mounds and sand filters.
This worksheet does NOT consider all of the mandatory requirements of the Standard.
It is intended for use by persons having training in the private sewage discipline.

Note: Page numbers refer to the Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2009.

Use only Imperial units of measurement throughout (feet, inches, Imperial gallons, etc...).

Step 1) Select the pressure head to be maintained at the orifices:

Minimum pressure at the orifice:
3/16" or less orifice = 5 ft. Minimum - 2.6.2.5 (1), (p 48)
larger than 3/16" orifice = 2 ft. Minimum - 2.6.2.5 (1) (p 48)

Design pressure at Lateral Orifices ft. [2 ft above pipe end] ft. P1

Note: *worksheet will not provide an adequate design if laterals are at different elevations. Differing elevations will result in a different pressure head and volume of discharge at the orifices in each lateral. Additional considerations must be made f*

Step 2) Select the size of orifice in the laterals:

Minimum size: 2.6.1.5. (1)(e) p. 46 1/8" **Orifice Diameter selected** [not applicable/na] in. P2

Note: larger sizes are less likely to plug.

Step. 3) Select the spacing of orifices and determine the number of orifices to be installed in distribution laterals:

Length of Distribution Lateral From system design drawings		**Spacing of Orifices selected for design**		**Resulting number of orifices per lateral**	
na	ft. ÷	na	ft. =	na	P3a

Select a spacing of orifices to attain even distribution over the treatment area:
Maximum spacings are determined for :
* 5 ft. Primary treated effluent: 2.6.1.5 (e) (pp. 46 - 47)
* 3 ft. Secondary treated effluent: 8.1.1.8 & 2.6.2.2 (c) (pp 98 & 47 - 48)
* 3 ft. On sandy textured soils: 8.1.1.8 (p. 98)

na	X	na	=	na	P3b
From P3a		Number of Laterals		Total Number of Orifices All Laterals	

If laterals are of differing lengths, calculate each separately and add the number of orifices together.

Step 4) Determine the minumum pipe size of the distribution laterals:

Enter the system design information into the 3 boxes below. If distribution laterals are of differing lengths, each lateral must be considered separately.

Orifice Diameter		Length of Distribution Lateral		Total Orifices Each Lateral
1.25	in.	na	ft.	1
From P2		From System Design Drawings		From P3a

Use Table A.1.A. (pp 140 - 143) when applying the information entered in this step to determine the minimum size of the distribution lateral pipe.

Size of Distribution Lateral Pipe From Table A.1.A. na in. P4

Step 5) Determine the total flow from end of discharge pipe:

Total Number of Orifices in all laterals		Gal/min for each Orifice at Head Pressure selcted			Total flow from all lateral orifices		
1	X	10	Imp. gal /min.	=	10	Imp. gal /min.	P5
From P3b		From Table A.1.B. (pp 144 & 145)					

Step 6) Select the type and size of effluent delivery pipe:

Use Tables A.1.C.1 to A.1.C.4 (pp 146 - 149) to aid in decision. A larger pipe will reduce pressure loss.

Type of pipe used for effluent delivery	Pipe size selected		
polyethylene	1 1/4	inch - NPS	P6

Choose a friction loss from Tables A.1.C.1 to A.1.C.4 in between the bolded lines to ensure a flow velocity between 2 to 5 feet per second. The pipe size selcted will affect the amount of friction loss the pump must overcome to deliver effluent.

Step 7) Calculate the equivalent length of pipe for pressure loss due to fittings:

Insert total from Worksheet "A" on last page (p.5) of this Pressure Distribution Worksheet

Equivalent Length of All Fittings

19.8 ft. P7

For Pressure Loss

Step 8) Calculate the equivalent length of pipe from pump to the farthest end of header of distribution laterals for pressure loss:

Length of Piping (ft)		Equivalent Length of Fittings (ft)		Length of Pipe for Friction Loss (ft)	
290	+	19.8	=	310	P8
Length from pump to end of open discharge piping.		Equivalent fitting length from **P7.**		Used to determine total pressure head loss due to friction loss in piping.	

Step 9) Calculate the pressure head loss in delivery pipe including fittings:

Total Length of Pipe for Friction Loss		Friction Loss per 100 feet of pipe			Delivery Piping Pressure Head Loss		
310	X	2.11 ft	divide 100	=	6.54	ft.	P9
From P8							
Don't forget to divide the length by 100 feet to match the factors in the tables.		Use Tables A1.C. On pp 146 - 150 using flow volume from **P5.**					

Step 10) Calculate the total pressure head required at pump:

Delivery piping pressure loss	6.54 ft.	From P9	
+			
Lift distance of effluent from effluent tank level to open discharge pipe end	11 ft.	Measure from lowest effluent level in tank to elevation of open discharge point.	
+			
Design pressure at open discharge end	2 ft.	From P1	
+			
Head loss allowed if an inline filter is used in pressure piping	5.48 ft.	**Explain Pressure Loss Allowed if Applied**	A pressure loss of 0.48ft across filter and 5 ft until alarm goes off
Total minimum pressure head pump must provide at Imp. gal/min required to supply orifices	25.02 ft.	P10	

Step 11) Select the size of the drain back orifice if used and determine the flow from the drain back orifice. Then calculate total flow requirement for pump:

Size of Drain Back Orifice		Determine flow using Head Pressure at Drain Back Orifice			Design Flow from End of Discharge Pipe			Total Imp. Gallons per Minute from the pump		
1/4	in.	3.03	Imp. gal /min	+	10	Imp. gal /min	=	13.03	Imp. gal /min	P11
		Use pressure head from P10 to find flow from Extended Table A.1.B.1			From P5					

Step 12) Details of the pump specifications required:

Required Flow Rate (Imp. gal/min)		Required Pressure Head (ft)
13.03	@	25.02
From P11		From P10

Imp. gal (P11) multiplied by 1.2 = U.S. gallons

Required Flow Rate (US gal/min)

15.6

Select the appropriate pump by reviewing the pump curve of available pumps. Select a pump that exceeds the requirments set out in this step by approximately 10% considering both pressure head and volume.

Step 13) Consider the pumping demands of the system. If they are considered excessive, redesign the pressure distribution system and recalculate the pump demands.

Worksheet "Appendix A" Determine Equivalent Length of Pipe due to fittings in piping system.

Determine the equivalent length of pipe to allow for friction loss due to fittings in the piping system:

	Number of Fittings		Friction loss as per Table A.1.C.5 or 6		Total
90° Elbows	3	X	3.8	=	11.4
				+	
45°Elbows		X		=	
				+	
Gate and Ball Valves		X		=	
				+	
Tee-on-Branch (TOB)		X		=	
				+	
Tee-on-Runs (TOR)		X		=	
				+	
Male Iron pipe Adaptors (M/F Threaded Adaptors)	3	X	2.8	=	8.4
				=	
Total Equivalent Length of pipe to allow for fittings in piping system			**(Enter this total, Box P7)**		19.8

Pressure Distribution, Orifice, Pipe & Pump Sizing

This design worksheet was developed by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association.

The completed installation is to comply with Alberta Private Sewage Standard of Practice 2009.

This worksheet is for use in Alberta to: size the orifices in distribution lateral pipes, size effluent delivery piping, and to calculate the required capacity and pressure head capability of the effluent pump.

It can be used for: calculating delivery of effluent to laterals in disposal fields, mounds and sand filters.

This worksheet does NOT consider all of the mandatory requirements of the Standard.

It is intended for use by persons having training in the private sewage discipline.

Note: Page numbers refer to the Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2009.

Use only Imperial units of measurement throughout (feet, inches, Imperial gallons, etc...).

Step 1) Select the pressure head to be maintained at the orifices:

Minimum pressure at the orifice:
3/16" or less orifice = 5 ft. Minimum - 2.6.2.5 (1), (p 48)
larger than 3/16" orifice = 2 ft. Minimum - 2.6.2.5 (1) (p 48)

Design pressure at lateral orifices _____ **ft.** P1

Note: *worksheet will not provide an adequate design if laterals are at different elevations. Differing elevations will result in a different pressure head and volume of discharge at the orifices in each lateral. Additional considerations must be made for laterals at differing elevations.*

Step 2) Select the size of orifice in the laterals:

Minimum size: 2.6.1.5. (1)(e) p. 46 **1/8"**

Orifice Diameter selected _____ **in.** P2

Note: larger sizes are less likely to plug.

Step. 3) Select the spacing of orifices and determine the number of orifices to be installed in distribution laterals:

Length of Distribution Lateral From system design drawings		**Spacing of Orifices selected for design**		**Resulting number of orifices per lateral**	
_____	**ft.** ÷	_____	**ft.** =	_____	P3a

Select a spacing of orifices to attain even distribution over the treatment area:
Maximum spacings are determined for :
* 5 ft. Primary treated effluent: 2.6.1.5 (e) (pp. 46 - 47)
* 3 ft. Secondary treated effluent: 8.1.1.8 & 2.6.2.2 (c) (pp 98 & 47 - 48)
* 3 ft. On sandy textured soils: 8.1.1.8 (p. 98)

_____	X	_____	=	_____	P3b
From P3a		Number of Laterals		Total Number of Orifices All Laterals	

If laterals are of differing lengths, calculate each separately and add the number of orifices together.

Step 4) Determine the minumum pipe size of the distribution laterals:

Enter the system design information into the 3 boxes below. If distribution laterals are of differing lengths, each lateral must be considered separately.

Orifice Diameter		Length of Distribution Lateral		Total Orifices Each Lateral
	in.		ft.	
From P2		From System Design Drawings		From P3a

Use Table A.1.A. (pp 140 - 143) when applying the information entered in this step to determine the minimum size of the distribution lateral pipe.

Size of Distribution Lateral Pipe From Table A.1.A. _____ **in.** P4

Step 5) Determine the total flow from all orifices:

Total Number of Orifices in all laterals		Gal/min for each Orifice at Head Pressure Selected			Total flow from all lateral orifices		
	X		Imp. gal /min.	=		Imp. gal /min.	P5
From P3b		From Table A.1.B. (pp 144 & 145)					

Step 6) Select the type and size of effluent delivery pipe:

Use Tables A.1.C.1 to A.1.C.4 (pp 146 - 149) to aid in decision. A larger pipe will reduce pressure loss.

Type of pipe used for effluent delivery	Pipe size selected		
		inch - NPS	P6

Choose a friction loss from Tables A.1.C.1 to A.1.C.4 in between the bolded lines to ensure a flow velocity between 2 to 5 feet per second. The pipe size selcted will affect the amount of friction loss the pump must overcome to deliver effluent.

Step 7) Calculate the equivalent length of pipe for pressure loss due to fittings:

Insert total from Worksheet "A" on last page (p.5) of this Pressure Distribution Worksheet

Equivalent Length of All Fittings _____ **ft.** P7

For Pressure Loss

Step 8) Calculate the equivalent length of pipe from pump to the farthest end of header of distribution laterals for pressure loss:

Length of Piping (ft)		Equivalent Length of Fittings (ft)		Length of Pipe for Friction Loss (ft)	
	+		=		P8
Length from pump to farthest end of distribution header supplying laterals.		Equivalent fitting length from P7.		Used to determine total pressure head loss due to friction loss in piping.	

Step 9) Calculate the pressure head loss in delivery pipe including fittings:

Total Length of Pipe for Friction Loss		Friction Loss per 100 feet of pipe		Delivery Piping Pressure Head Loss		
Divide by 100 ft.	x		ft. =		ft.	P9
From P8						
Don't forget to divide the length by 100 feet to match the factors in the tables.		Use Tables A.1.C. On pp 146 - 150 using flow volume from P5.				

Step 10) Calculate the total pressure head required at pump:

Delivery piping pressure loss		ft.	From P9
	+		
Lift distance of effluent from effluent level in tank to orifices		ft.	Measure from lowest effluent level in tank to elevation of orifices.
	+		
Design pressure at orifices		ft.	From P1
	+		
Head loss allowed if an inline filter is used in pressure piping		ft.	**Explain Pressure Loss Allowed if Applied**
	+		
Add 1 ft to allow for pressure loss along the distribution lateral		ft.	
	=		
Total minimum pressure head pump must provide at Imp. gal/min required to supply orifices		ft.	P10

Step 11) Select the size of the drain back orifice if used and determine the flow from the drain back orifice. Then calculate total flow requirement for pump:

Size of Drain Back Orifice		Determine flow using Head Pressure at Drain Back Orifice			Flow from all lateral orifices			Total Imp. Gallons per Minute from the pump		
	in.		Imp. gal /min	+		Imp. gal /min	=		Imp. gal /min	P11
		Use pressure head from P10 to find flow from Extended Table A.1.B.1			From P5					

Step 12) Details of the pump specifications required:

Required Flow Rate (Imp. gal/min)		Required Pressure Head (ft)
	@	
From P11		From P10

Select the appropriate pump by reviewing the pump curve of available pumps. Select a pump that exceeds the requirments set out in this step by approximately 10% considering both pressure head and volume.

Imp. gal (P11) multiplied by 1.2 = U.S. gallons

Required Flow Rate (US gal/min)

Step 13) Consider the pumping demands of the system. If they are considered excessive, redesign the pressure distribution system and recalculate the pump demands.

Worksheet "Appendix A" Determine Equivalent Length of Pipe due to fittings in piping system.

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				+	
45°Elbows		X		=	
				+	
Gate and Ball Valves		X		=	
				+	
Tee-on-Branch (TOB)		X		=	
				+	
Tee-on-Runs (TOR)		X		=	
				+	
Male Iron pipe Adaptors (M/F Threaded Adaptors)		X		=	
				=	

Total Equivalent Length of pipe to allow for fittings in piping system **(Enter this total, Box P7)**

Alberta Private Sewage Treatment System Soil Profile Log Form

Owner Name or Job ID.

Legal Land Location								Test Pit GPS Coordinates	
LSD-1/4	Sec	Twp	Rg	Mer	Lot	Block	Plan	Easting	Northing

Vegetation notes:		Overall site slope %	
		Slope position of test pit:	

Test hole No.	Soil Subgroup	Parent Material	Drainage	Depth of Lab sample #1	Depth of Lab sample #2

Hori-zon	Depth (cm) (in)	Texture	Lab or HT	Colour	Gleying	Mottling	Structure	Grade	Consistence	Moisture	% Coarse Fragments

Depth to Groundwater		Restricting Soil Layer Characteristic	
Depth to Seasonally Saturated Soil		Depth to restrictive Soil Layer	
Site Topography		Depth to Highly Permeable Layer Limiting Design	
Key Soil Characteristics applied to system design effluent loading			

Weather Condition notes:

Comments: such as root depth and abundance or other pertinent observations:

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Comments: such as root depth and abundance or other pertinent observations:

Onsite Sewage System Site Evaluation Lot Diagram Field Sketch and Notes

Project Name: Lot or Legal Description: Date:

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Show the proposed location of the onsite sewage system and the following items indicating their distances from the proposed system:

trees
floodplains
wells
water sources
surface water
bedrock outcrops
buildings
property lines
easement lines
ditches or interceptors
banks or steep slopes
fills
driveways
existing sewage systems
underground utilities
soil test pit and borehole locations

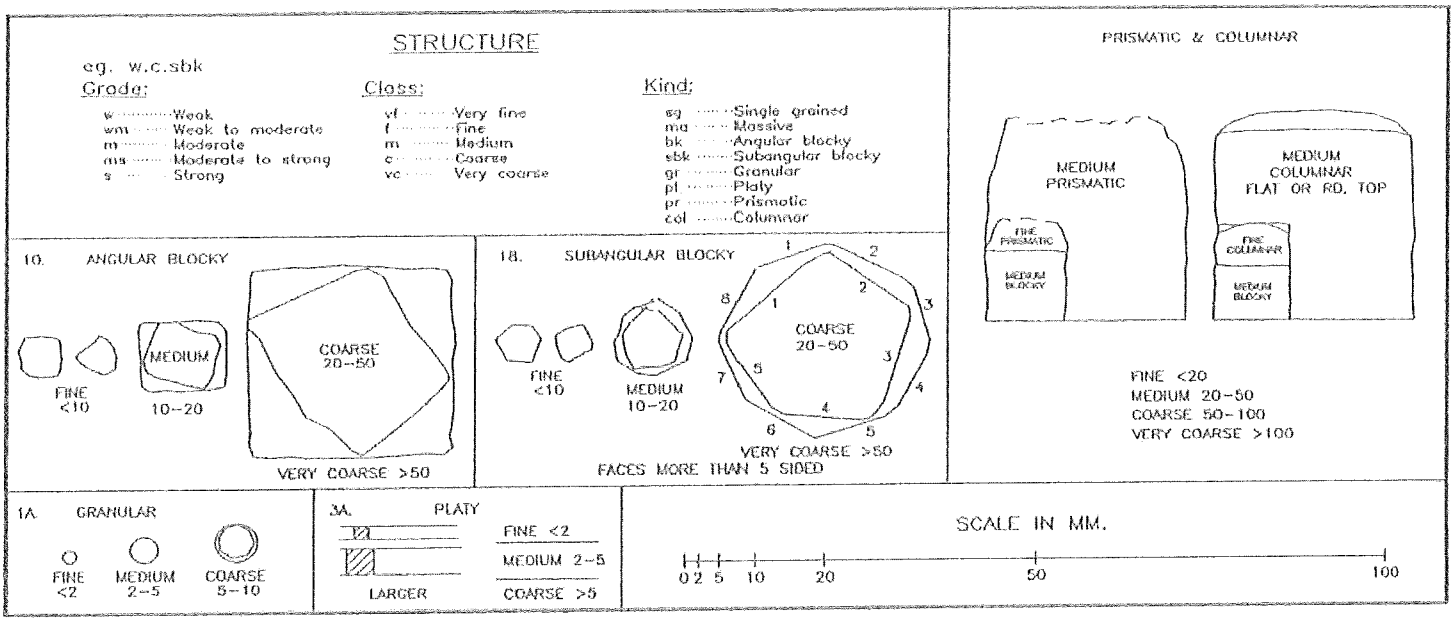
drainage course		slope direction		borehole BH 1 ○		Test Pit P1 □	

Comments:

Property line GPS coordinates:
GPS coordinates of well:
GPS coordinate of tank:
GPS coordinates of soil treatment component corners:

Additional information is required separately for the system design detail.

Figure 4: Diagrammatic representation of soil structure



SLOPE CLASSES OF LOCAL LANDFORMS

Slope Class	Percent Slope	Approximate Degrees	Description
1	0-0.5	0	level
2	0.5-2.5	0.3-1.5	nearly level
3	2-5	1-3	very gentle slopes
4	6-9	3.5-5	gentle slopes
5	10-15	6-8.5	moderate slopes
6	16-30	9-17	strong slopes
7	31-45	17-24	very strong slopes
8	46-70	25-35	extreme slopes
9	71-100	35-45	steep slopes
10	>100	>45	very steep slopes

SURFACE STONINESS

		Surface Area	Distance Apart (cm)
S0	non-stony	<0.01%	>30
S1	slightly stony	0.01-0.1%	10-30
S2	moderately stony	0.1-3%	2-10
S3	very stony	3-15%	1-2
S4	exceedingly stony	15-50%	0.1-5
S5	excessively stony	50%	0.1

SLOPE POSITION

c	- crest
u	- upper slope
m	- mid slope
l	- lower slope
t	- toe
d	- depression
f	- level

DRAINAGE

VR	- very rapidly
R	- rapidly
W	- well
M	- moderately well
I	- imperfectly
P	- poorly
VP	- very poorly

PERCENT AREAS

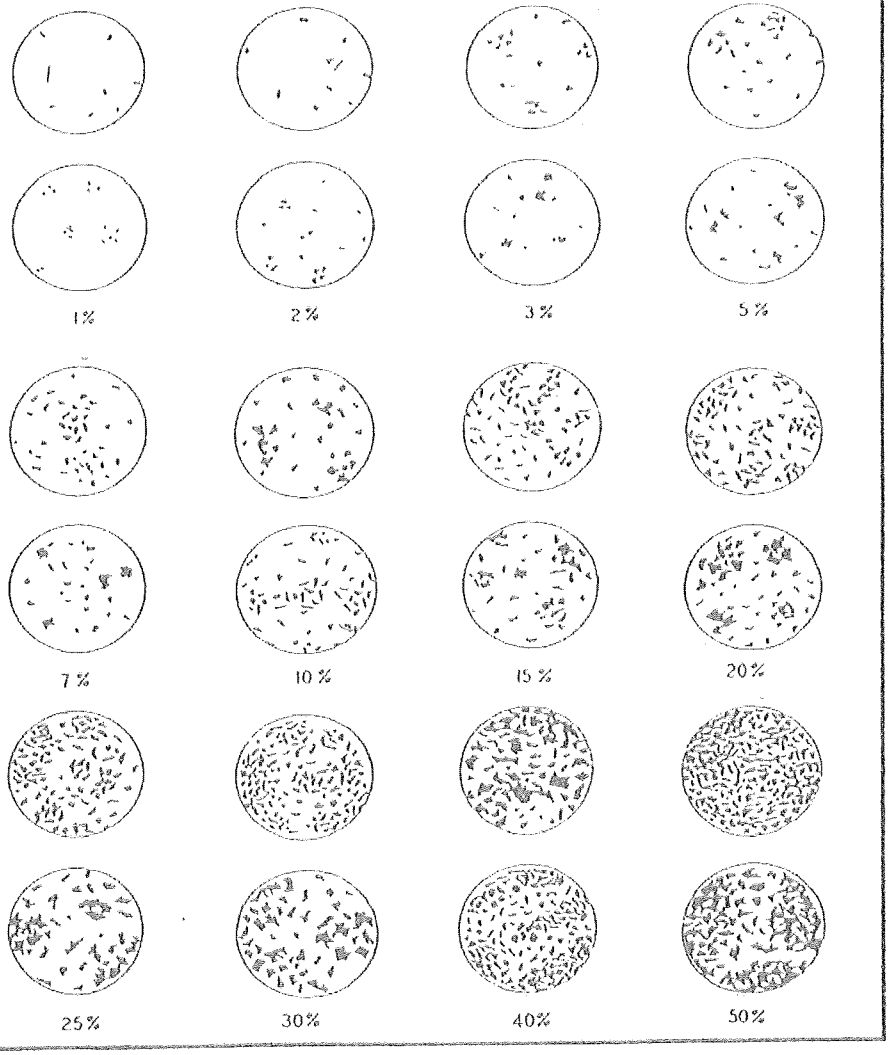


Table 10. Types, kinds and classes of soil structure.

Type	Kind (Kind Code)	Structure Class and Code	Size[1] (mm)
Blocklike - soil particles arranged around a point and bounded by flat or rounded surfaces **BK**	**Angular blocky (ABK)** peds bounded by flattened, rectangular faces intersecting at relatively sharp angles	**VF:** very fine angular blocky	<5
		F: fine angular blocky	5-10
		M: medium angular blocky	10-20
		C: coarse angular blocky	20-50
		VC: very coarse angular blocky	>50
	Subangular blocky (SBK): peds bounded by slightly rounded, subrectangular faces with vertices[2] of their intersections mostly subrounded	**VF:** very fine subangular blocky	<5
		F: fine subangular blocky	5-10
		M: medium subangular blocky	10-20
		C: coarse subangular blocky	20-50
		VC: very coarse subangular blocky	>50
	Granular (GR): spheroidal peds bounded by curved or very irregular faces that do not adjoin those of adjacent peds	**VF:** very fine granular	<1
		F: fine granular	1-2
		M: medium granular	2-5
		C: coarse granular	5-10
		VC: very coarse granular	>10
Platelike: soil particles arranged around a horizontal plane and generally bounded by relatively flat horizontal surfaces **PL**	**Platy (PL):** peds flat or platelike; horizontal planes more or less well developed	**VF:** very fine platy	<1
		F: fine platy	1-2
		M: medium platy	2-5
		C: coarse platy	5-10
		VC: very coarse platy	>10
Prismlike: soil particles arranged around a vertical axis and bounded by relatively flat vertical surfaces. **PR**	**Prismatic (PR):** vertical faces of peds well defined and vertices[2] angular (edges sharp); prism tops essentially flat	**VF:** very fine prismatic	<10
		F: fine prismatic	10-20
		M: medium prismatic	20-50
		C: coarse prismatic	50-100
		VC: very coarse prismatic	>100
	Columnar (COL): vertical edges near top of columns not sharp (vertices[2] subrounded); column tops flat, rounded, or irregular	**VF:** very fine columnar	<10
		F: fine columnar	10-20
		M: medium columnar	20-50
		C: coarse columnar	50-100
		VC: very coarse prismatic	>100
Structureless: no observable aggregation of primary particles or no definite orderly arrangement around natural lines of weakness **MA**	**Single grained (SGR):**	Loose, incoherent mass of individual primary particles, as in sands	
	Massive (MA):	amorphous; a coherent mass showing no evidence of any distinct arrangement of soil particles; separates into clusters of particles; not peds	

Cloddy (CDY): not a structure; used to indicate the condition of some ploughed surface, grade, class, and shape too varied to be described in standard terms.

[1] The size limits refer to measurements in the smallest dimension of platy, prismatic, and columnar peds and to the largest of the nearly equal dimensions of blocky and granular peds.

[2] Definition of vertex (plural, vertices): the intersection of two planes of a geometrical figure.

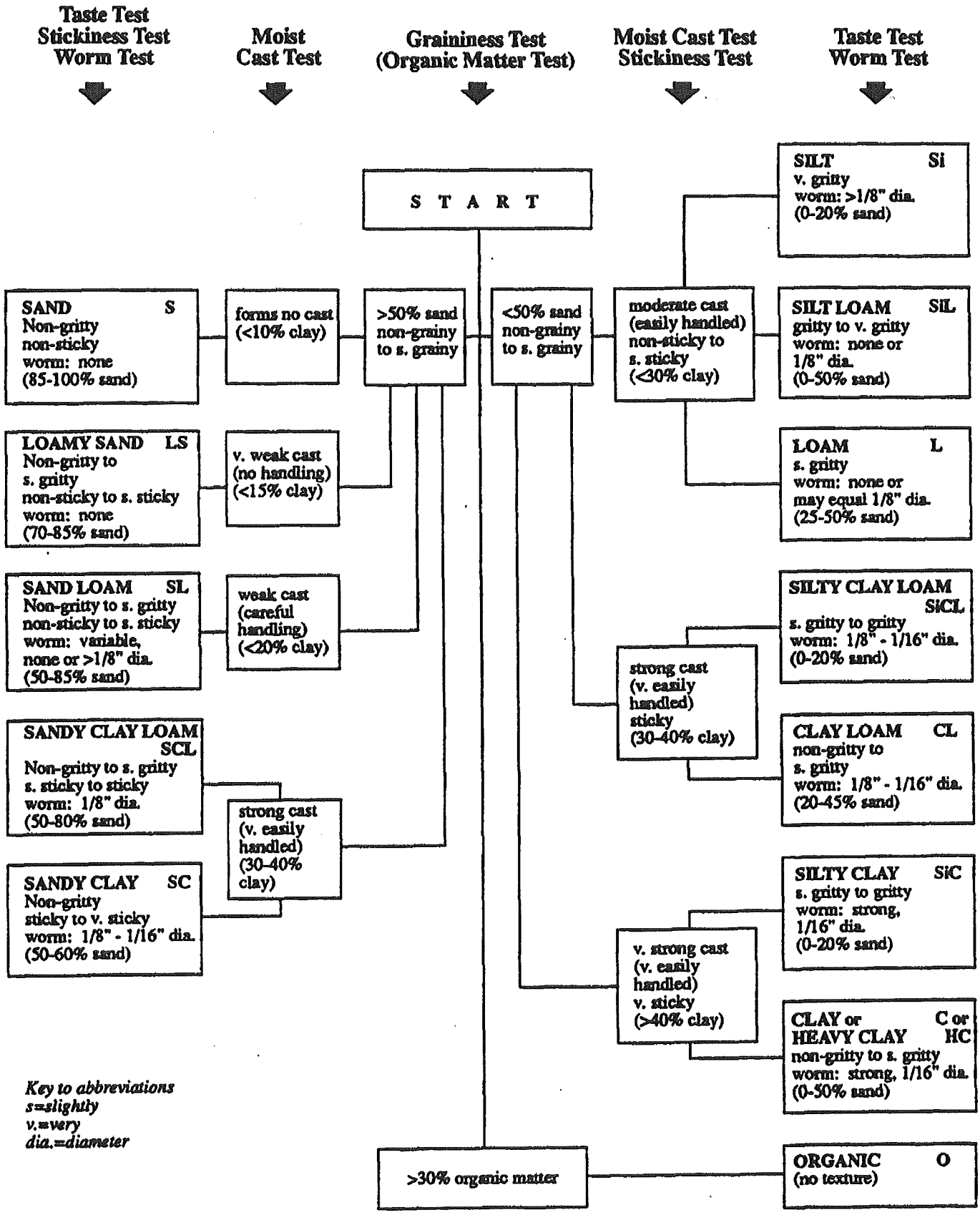
Consistence – moist soil	
• Loose:	No intact sample can be obtained.
• Friable:	Structure breaks down with slight force between the fingers.
• Firm:	Structure breaks down with moderate force between the fingers.
• Extremely firm:	Structure breaks down with moderate force between the hands or slight foot pressure.
• Rigid:	Structure breaks down only with foot pressure.

Structure Grade Descriptions

Code		Structure Grade Definition
0	**Massive /or single grained used to describe sands**	This describes a soil that has no developed structure. There is no aggregation of primary particles or no definite orderly arrangement around natural lines of weakness.
1	**Weak**	Peds are either indistinct and barely evident in place, or observable in place but incompletely separated from adjacent peds. When disturbed, the soil material separates into a mixture of only a few entire peds, many broken peds and much unaggregated material.
2	**Moderate**	Peds are moderately durable, and are evident but not distinct in the undisturbed soil. When disturbed, the soil material parts into a mixture of many well formed, entire peds, some broken peds, and little unaggregated material. The peds may be handled without breaking and they part from adjoining peds to reveal nearly entire surfaces which have properties distinct from those caused by fracturing.
3	**Strong**	Peds are durable and evident in the undisturbed soil, adhere weakly to one another, withstand displacement and separate cleanly when the soil is disturbed. When removed, the soil material separates mainly into entire peds. Surfaces of unbroken peds have distinctive properties, compared to surfaces that result from fracturing.

Mottling Descriptions

Parameter	Code	Description
Abundance	**Few**	<2% of the exposed surface
	Common	2-20% of the exposed surface
	Many	>20% of the exposed surface
Size	**Fine**	< 5 mm
	Medium	5-15 mm
	Coarse	>15 mm
Contrast	**Faint**	Evident only on close examination. Faint mottles commonly have the same hue as the colour to which they are compared and differ by no more than 1 unit of chroma or 2 units of value. Some faint mottles of similar but low chroma and value can differ by 2.5 units of hue.
	Distinct	Readily seen, but contrast only moderately with the colour to which they are compared. Distinct mottles commonly have the same hue as the colour to which they are compared, but differ by 2 to 4 units of chroma or 3 to 4 units of value; or differ from the colour to which they are compared by 2.5 units of hue but by no ore than 1 unit of chroma or 2 units of value.
	Prominent	Contrast strongly with the colour to which they are compared. Prominent mottles are commonly the most obvious colour feature in a soil. Prominent mottles that have medium chroma and value commonly differ from the colour to which they are compared by at least 5 units of hue if chroma and value are the same; or at least 1 unit of chroma or 2 units of value if hue differs by 2.5 units.


Taste Test
Stickiness Test
Worm Test
Moist
Cast Test
Graininess Test
(Organic Matter Test)
Moist Cast Test
Stickiness Test
Taste Test
Worm Test
S T A R T
SAND S
Non-gritty
non-sticky
worm: none
(85-100% sand)
LOAMY SAND LS
Non-gritty to
s. gritty
non-sticky to s. sticky
worm: none
(70-85% sand)
SAND LOAM SL
Non-gritty to s. gritty
non-sticky to s. sticky
worm: variable,
none or >1/8" dia.
(50-85% sand)
SANDY CLAY LOAM
SCL
Non-gritty to s. gritty
s. sticky to sticky
worm: 1/8" dia.
(50-80% sand)
SANDY CLAY SC
Non-gritty
sticky to v. sticky
worm: 1/8" - 1/16" dia.
(50-60% sand)
forms no cast
(<10% clay)
v. weak cast
(no handling)
(<15% clay)
weak cast
(careful
handling)
(<20% clay)
strong cast
(v. easily
handled)
(30-40%
clay)
>50% sand
non-grainy
to s. grainy
<50% sand
non-grainy
to s. grainy
>30% organic matter
moderate cast
(easily handled)
non-sticky to
s. sticky
(<30% clay)
strong cast
(v. easily
handled)
sticky
(30-40% clay)
v. strong cast
(v. easily
handled)
v. sticky
(>40% clay)
SILT Si
v. gritty
worm: >1/8" dia.
(0-20% sand)
SILT LOAM SiL
gritty to v. gritty
worm: none or
1/8" dia.
(0-50% sand)
LOAM L
s. gritty
worm: none or
may equal 1/8" dia.
(25-50% sand)
SILTY CLAY LOAM
SiCL
s. gritty to gritty
worm: 1/8" - 1/16" dia.
(0-20% sand)
CLAY LOAM CL
non-gritty to
s. gritty
worm: 1/8" - 1/16" dia.
(20-45% sand)
SILTY CLAY SiC
s. gritty to gritty
worm: strong,
1/16" dia.
(0-20% sand)
CLAY or C or
HEAVY CLAY HC
non-gritty to s. gritty
worm: strong, 1/16" dia.
(0-50% sand)
ORGANIC O
(no texture)
Key to abbreviations
s=slightly
v.=very
dia.=diameter