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SSTS Basic Inspector Task Analysis

Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Program

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Bas	sic Ins	pector T	ask Analysis				
I.	Participate in certification program						
	I.A	Complete training					
	I.B	Pass certification exam					
	I.C	Apply for certification					
	I.D	Complete experience with mentor					
		I.D.1	Conduct work duties in compliance with restrictions of apprentice or employee designation				
	I.E	Complete continuing education					
		I.E.1	Complete soils-specific continuing education				
	I.F	Provide mentorship according to state code					
II.		Detain Basic Inspector business license					
	II.A	Apply fo	r a business license				
		II.A.1	Employ a Designated Certified Individual (DCI)				
		II.A.2	Maintain appropriate SSTS surety bond and general liability insurance				
		II.A.3	Remit appropriate business license fee				
	II.B	Renew	business license				
III.	Condu	nduct new construction or replacement system permitting and inspection activities					
	III.A	Review	and validate required reports to issue construction permit				
		III.A.1	Review and validate preliminary evaluation report				
			III.A.1.1 Confirm domestic strength waste is anticipated				
		III.A.2	Review and validate field evaluation report				
		III.A.3	Review and validate complete design report				
			III.A.3.1 Confirm building classification, system type, and system permit flow and design flow				
		III.A.4	Review and validate ISTS management plan				
			III.A.4.1 Confirm management plan is complete and includes maintenance requirements and frequencies				
			III.A.4.2 Confirm management plan appropriately delegates operational responsibilities between owner, Maintainer, and Service Provider				
		III.A.5	Determine if an operating permit will be required for Type I-III SSTS ≤ 2500 gpd				
			III.A.5.1 Define required management activities, frequencies, and reporting requirements				
			III.A.5.2 Confirm permit holder is aware of management responsibilities and renewal process				
			III.A.5.3 Verify Type I - III SSTS ≤ 2500 gpd meets operating permit requirements and renew operating permit				
		III.A.6	Follow state requirements and locally defined protocol to issue construction permit				
			III.A.6.1 Confirm design application has valid certified signature under a valid business license				
			III.A.6.2 Stipulate installation be completed under a valid business license or valid licensure exemption				
		III.A.7	Follow consistent process to approve or deny changes to original permit application				
			III.A.7.1 Manage scenarios in which multiple designs in different locations, design changes, or varying soil interpretations are submitted by one or more licensed professionals				
			III.A.7.2 Implement appropriate permitting and review of SSTS repair, rejuvenation, or remediation activities				

	III.A.8	Confirm a	uthorization by state and local program to perform basic inspector activities
		III.A.8.1	Confirm that no conflict of interest exists between Inspector, Designer, Installer, and system owner
II.B	Conduct	new const	truction or replacement system inspection
	III.B.1	Evaluate	and verify acceptable site conditions
		III.B.1.1	Identify the constructability of a site
		III.B.1.2	Match benchmark and elevations to design report
		III.B.1.3	Confirm soil treatment areas have been protected from disturbance and/or compaction
		III.B.1.4	Confirm SSTS abandonment activities have taken place according to applicable requirements
		III.B.1.5	Confirm acceptability of any reused existing SSTS components
		III.B.1.6	Confirm all applicable setbacks are being met
	III.B.2	Evaluate	building sewer per Minnesota Plumbing Code requirements
		III.B.2.1	Verify adequate slope of building sewer
		III.B.2.2	Verify depth of inlet to septic tank
		III.B.2.3	Verify acceptable building sewer material and diameter
		III.B.2.4	Verify acceptable building sewer construction practices
		III.B.2.5	Verify building sewer meets testing requirements
		III.B.2.6	Verify building sewer meets accesibility requirements for maintenance activities
	III.B.3	Inspect se	ewage tanks to state code and local standards
		III.B.3.1	Verify sewage tank is level
		III.B.3.2	Verify adequate sewage tank burial depth and cover
		III.B.3.3	Verify sewage tank is registered or otherwise acceptable
		III.B.3.4	Verify sewage tank was installed with acceptable construction practices
		III.B.3.5	Verify sewage tank meets watertightness requirements
		III.B.3.6	Verify sewage tank meets accessiblity requirements for maintenance activities
		III.B.3.7	Verify sewage tank matches SSTS design specifications
	III.B.4	Inspect su	upply pipe and/or collection system to state code and local standards
		III.B.4.1	Verify adequate drainback of supply pipe and/or collection system
		III.B.4.2	Verify adequate burial depth of supply pipe and/or collection system
		III.B.4.3	Verify acceptable supply pipe and/or collection system materials and diameter
		III.B.4.4	Verify acceptable supply pipe and/or collection system construction practices
		III.B.4.5	Verify supply pipe and/or collection system meets testing requirements
		III.B.4.6	Verify supply pipe and/or collection system meets accesibility requirements for maintenance
		III.B.4.7	Verify supply pipe and/or collection system matches SSTS design specifications
	III.B.5	Inspect p	ump, alarms, and dosing schedule to state code and local standards
		III.B.5.1	Verify acceptable installation practices for pumping system components and alarms
		III.B.5.2	Verify pumping system components and alarms are accessible and replaceable
		III.B.5.3	Verify pumping system components and alarms are functional
		III.B.5.4	Verify pumping system components and alarms match SSTS design specifications
	III.B.6	Inspect di	stribution system and soil dispersal area to state code and local standards
		III.B.6.1	Verify that distribution system and soil dispersal area is level and on the contour
		III.B.6.2	Verify elevations and layout of distribution system, media, and soil dispersal area
		III.B.6.3	Record that adequate vertical separation exists below the entire soil dispersal area
		III.B.6.4	Verify the use of acceptable construction materials

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			III.B.6.6	Verify that distribution media is registered or otherwise acceptable			
			III.B.6.7	Verify acceptable distribution system and soil dispersal area construction practices			
			III.B.6.8	Verify distribution system and soil dispersal area components are accessible			
			III.B.6.9	Verify distribution system and soil dispersal area matches design specifications			
		III.B.7	Obtain co	mplete as-built form with certified signature from ISTS Installer			
			III.B.7.1	Confirm installation was completed under a valid business license or valid licensure exemption			
		III.B.8	Complete	inspection reporting activities to state code and local standards			
			III.B.8.1	Confirm that certificate of compliance or notice of non-compliance is complete; includes the vertical separation distance report, management plan, property information, and acceptable site map			
			III.B.8.2	Issue certificate of compliance only if reasonable assurance is evident that the system was built according to the approved construction permit			
			III.B.8.3	Issue notice of noncompliance with specific reason(s) for noncompliance and corrective actions to bring system into compliance			
			III.B.8.4	Confirm that individual authorized by the local unit of government to conduct the new construction or replacement inspection has signed the certificate of compliance or notice of noncompliance and submitted the inspection form to the local unit of government and system owner within 15 days			
IV.		-	system in:				
	IV.A			client to determine if you will complete a compliance inspection or a different type of evaluation			
	IV.B			ion to conduct basic inspection activities			
		IV.B.1	-	t no conflict(s) of interest interferes with ability to conduct duties			
		IV.B.2		nd review prior SSTS records; permits, soils data, service records, and compliance inspections			
		IV.B.3 Determine system type, age, and flow					
	IV.C	Use acceptable methods to determine if the ISTS poses an imminent threat to public health and safety (ITPHS)					
		IV.C.1		ocation and safe status of all system components			
		IV.C.2		narrative explanation of observations and other methods used to determine if ISTS poses ITPHS according to local definitions			
	IV.D	Use acc	eptable me	ethods to determine if sewage tanks are seepage pits, cesspools, or other pits			
		IV.D.1	Identify da	ate and validity of prior tank integrity assessment, and attach as supporting documentation, if used			
		IV.D.2	Confirm s	seepage pit meets state and local standards			
		IV.D.3		narrative explanation of observations and other methods used to determine the hydraulic integrity of sewage tank g to state and local definitions			
	IV.E	Use acceptable methods to determine if soil treatment area has adequate vertical separation between the bottom of distribution media and the limiting condition					
		IV.E.1	Use syste	em type, age, location, source, and design information to identify required vertical separation depth			
		IV.E.2	Define ele	evation of distribution media bottom			
		IV.E.3	Define de	epth of vertical separation that exists and compare to vertical separation requirement			
		IV.E.4		nd attach previously completed vertical separation assessments that are acceptable for use			
		IV.E.5	between t	narrative explanation of observations and other methods used to determine if adequate vertical separation exists the bottom of distribution media bottom and the limiting condition according to state and local definitions			
	IV.F	Use acc	eptable me	ethods to determine if other criteria affect compliance			
		IV.F.1	Conduct I	hydraulic performance test			
			IV.F.1.1	Verify all required sources enter ISTS			
			IV.F.1.2	Confirm that sewage moves through system as designed			
			IV.F.1.3	Conduct hydraulic load test if determined necessary			
		IV.F.2	Evaluate	other design, installation, operation or maintenance conditions that may affect compliance			
		IV.F.3		narrative explanation of observations and other methods used to determine compliance status according to state definitions			
	IV.G	Determi	ne if operat	ting permit exists for Type I-III ISTS, and determine if conditions of operating permit are met			

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	IV.H	Comple	ete inspection reporting activities within 15 days			
		IV.H.1	Issue certificate(s) of compliance if state and applicable requirements for compliance are met			
		IV.H.2	Issue notice(s) of noncompliance with specific reason(s) for noncompliance with state and local standards			
		IV.H.3	Provide certified signature of individual that conducted the inspection activities and submit complete inspection report to the local unit of government and system owner			
V.	Condu	onduct duties within context of local, state, and federal programs				
	V.A	Identify	entify and comply with local requirements			
		V.A.1	Provide best practice education for SSTS management and operational performance in all professional activities			
		V.A.2	Follow local inspection protocol that defines frequency, times, and activities of new construction or replacment inspections			
		V.A.3	Identify state or local inspection trigger that defines the need for a certificate of compliance or notice of noncompliance for an existing ISTS (as opposed to some other purpose and outcome for a system assessment)			
		V.A.4	Create and file official records in local data management system			
			 Create and file official records for new construction and replacement SSTS, including construction permit, design V.A.4.1 report, operating permit, soil verification report, certificate of compliance, notice of noncompliance, as-built report, etc. 			
			 Create and file official records for existing system compliance inspections and other compliance management V.A.4.2 activities, including certificate(s) of compliance, notice(s) of noncompliance, service reports, official notifications, etc. 			
		V.A.5	Incorporate differences between applicable requirements and Minnesota Rules Chapters 7080, 7081, and 7082 into inspection activities, reporting requirements, and local program implementation			
			V.A.5.1 Identify and complete all locally required forms			
			V.A.5.2 Enforce local standards			
			V.A.5.3 Develop and participate in locally defined dispute resolution process			
	V.B	Identify	tify all applicable administrative activities and their respective authorities			
		V.B.1	Facilitate multi-jurisdictional activities			
		V.B.2	Facilitate state or local variance process upon request of owner or agent			
		V.B.3	Facilitate proper inventory of Class IV and V underground injection wells			
		V.B.4	Identify and complete required forms from other departments, programs, or jurisdictions			
		V.B.5	Administer septage requirements in accordance with CFR 40 Parts 257 and 503 and Minnesota Septage Management Guidelines			
		V.B.6	Document system information for annual reporting to the state			