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SSTS Intermediate Designer and Inspector Task Analysis

Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Program

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nte	rmedi	ate Desi	gner and Inspector Task Analysis			
	Becom	ne certifie	d as an Intermediate Designer and/or Inspector			
	I.A	Complet	te training			
	I.B	Pass ce	rtification exam			
	I.C	Apply fo	r certification			
	I.D	Complet	te continuing education			
	Obtain	Intermed	iate Design and/or Inspector business license			
l.	Compl	ete prelim	inary site evaluation			
	III.A	Communicate with client about desires and preferences				
	III.B	Contact local unit of government				
		III.B.1	Obtain legal description of property, including Township, Range, and Section			
		III.B.2	Determine property lines, easements, and proposed or existing improvements			
		III.B.3	Determine location and status of proposed or existing water supply wells and pipes in vicinity			
	III.C	Determine dwelling or group of dwellings flow ≤ 2,500 gpd				
	III.D	Determine flow for other establishment ≤ 2,500 gpd				
	III.E	Determine anticipated effluent concentrations of BOD, TSS, & FOG				
		III.E.1	Assess waste suitability (domestic, non-domestic - suitable for discharge into soil, non-domestic - not suitable for discharge into soil, hazardous)			
		III.E.2	Identify challenging waste streams (inhibitors to treatment)			
		III.E.3	Determine necessity for source segregation due to waste characteristics			
	III.F	Complete preliminary site report				
		III.F.1	Determine applicable setbacks			
		III.F.2	Confirm authorization to perform intermediate design/inspection activities			
	III.G	Assess risk based on preliminary site report				
٧.	Compl	nplete field evaluation				
	IV.A	Contact Gopher One and locate utilities				
	IV.B	Investig	ate property			
		IV.B.1	Establish lot lines to satisfaction of owner or local unit of government			
		IV.B.2	Identify improvements, setbacks, & easements			
		IV.B.3	Investigate site for initial and replacement soil treatment areas			
	IV.C	Identify	surface features and soils characteristics for initial and replacement soil treatment area location, size, and depth			
	IV.D	Assess waste strength				
		IV.D.1 Measure waste strength in acceptable manner to confirm domestic waste strength				
	IV.E	V.E Complete field evaluation report				
		IV.F.1	Prepare detailed site map			
		IV.F.2	Define benchmark and elevations of soil observations, percolation tests, proposed SSTS components and soil treatment area locations, and the media/soil interface of the soil treatment area			
		IV.F.3	Coordinate soils verification by local government			
	IV.F	Assess	risk (obstacles to effective treatment) based on field evaluation report			
		IV.G.1	Recognize potential for groundwater mounding			
	IV.G	Determine if a variance is necessary and warranted				
	IV.H	Commu	nicate with client about suitable system options			

Crea	eate design report						
V.A	Use pre	minary and site evaluation to determine intermediate design specifications					
	V.A.1	Use depth to limiting layer in conjunction with treatment level to choose treatment system					
		V.A.1.1 Account for rock fragments					
		V.A.1.2 Identify if reduced vertical separation is necessary and warranted					
	V.A.2	Use texture and structure or percolation rate in conjunction with treatment level to determine absorption area (hydraulic) loading rate					
		V.A.2.1 Identify if increased hydraulic loading rate is necessary and warranted					
	V.A.3 Use texture and structure or percolation rate to determine acceptable system geometry (conto						
	V.A.4	Determine ISTS classification and type					
	V.A.5	Determine appropriate application of design considerations to mitigate risks					
		V.A.5.1 Specify design requirements to mitigate non-domestic waste sources					
		V.A.5.2 Specify design requirements to mitigate variation in flow					
		V.A.5.3 Specify design requirements to mitigate high risk site conditions					
		V.A.5.4 Specify design requirements to mitigate high risk soil conditions					
		V.A.5.5 Specify design requirements to mitigate small lot conditions					
		V.A.5.6 Specify design requirements to mitigate groundwater mounding that interferes with treatment					
V.B	Identify	pecial design parameters for graywater, Type II & Type III systems with sse of registered Type IV products					
	V.B.1	Identify how use of a graywater system will impact design					
	V.B.2	Identify how placing a system in floodplain will impact design (Type II)					
	V.B.3	Identify how placing a system in cut, filled or compacted soils will impact design (Type III)					
	V.B.4	Identify how down-sizing a system will impact design (Type III)					
	V.B.5	Identify how placing a system in less than 12" unsaturated soil will impact design (Type III)					
V.C	Determ	e design specifications for collection systems ≤ 2500 gpd					
	V.C.1						
	V.C.2	Design gravity collection with lift stations					
	V.C.3	Design STEG - septic tank effluent gravity collection					
	V.C.4	Calculate inflow and infiltration (I&I)					
V.D	Determine design specifications for tank(s) using MN Rules Chapter 7080, registered sewage tanks list, and design guidance						
	V.D.1	Design septic tank size and features per manufacturer recommendation and product registration guidance					
	V.D.2	Specify septic tank design requirements for Type I - V ISTS ≤ 2500 gpd					
	V.D.3	Specify storage capacity design requirements for Type I - V ISTS ≤ 2500 gpd using flow equalization					
	V.D.4	Specify recirculation tank design requirements					
	V.D.5	Specify pump tank(s) design requirements for Type I - V ISTS ≤ 2500 gpd					
+	V.D.6	Calculate potential for tank flotation and specify restraint options when appropriate					
V.E		e design specifications for treatment system					
	V.E.1.	Choose registered pretreatment device most suited for the application					
		V.E.1.1 Properly incorporate proprietary registered treatment product into treatment train based on understanding design principles and applications					
		V.E.1.2 Design single pass sand filter ≤ 2500 gpd per MPCA design guidance and RSG					
		V.E.1.3 Design recirculating sand filter ≤ 2500 gpd per MPCA design guidance and RSG					
		V.E.1.4 Specify installation requirements per manufacturer and product registration guidance					
		V.E.1.5 Understand design principles and site conditions in which constructed wetlands are appropriate					
	V.E.2	Design trench treatment system with Type IV pretreatment ≤ 2500 gpd using registered distribution media					
	V.E.3	Design bed treatment system with Type IV pretreatment ≤ 2500 gpd using registered distribution media					
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	V.E.4 V.E.5	Design mound treatment system with Type IV pretreatment ≤ 2500 gpd using registered distribution media					

V.F	Determine design specifications for pump & distribution system						
	V.F.1 Design supply pipe to registered product and distribution system						
	V.F.2 Design pump specifications & dosing volumes						
		V.F.2.1	Design demand dosed distribution				
		V.F.2.2	Design timed dose distribution				
		V.F.2.3	Design for flow equalization				
		V.F.2.4	Design specifications for duplex pumps				
	V.F.3	Design uniform distribution system					
		V.F.3.1	Design level pressure distribution				
		V.F.3.2	Design non-level pressure distribution				
		V.F.3.3	Design flow-splitting/zoned distribution system				
V.G	Determ	Determine site layout					
	V.G.1	G.1 Specify component elevations and locations on site map relative to defined benchmark					
	V.G.2 Verify chosen contour loading rate and system geometry						
V.H	Comple	plete and submit design report					
	V.H.1	Write and submit management plan for all systems					
	V.H.2	Confirm applicable rules and regulation compliance with certified signature					
	V.H.3	Submit all required design documents to local authority for review, revision, and approval					
	V.H.4	Confirm operating permit requirements as written by permitting authority					
		V.H.4.1	Ensure design specifications allow for the completion of required sampling				
Con	nduct new and existing Intermediate Inspector activities						
VI.A	Comple	lete new system Inspector activities					
	VI.A.1	Review design report for accuracy and completeness					
		VI.A.1.1	Request changes prior to permit issuance				
		VI.A.1.2	Approve report and issue construction permit				
	VI.A.2	Conduct i	new system inspection				
		VI.A.2.1	Use locally developed or U of M New Inspection Report Form				
		VI.A.2.2	Issue Certificate of Compliance or require changes to meet compliance				
	VI.A.3	VI.A.3 Develop operating permit required management activities and frequencies					
		VI.A.3.1	Define reporting requirements				
		VI.A.3.2	Verify system meets operating permit requirements				
		VI.A.3.3	Confirm permit holder is aware of responsibilities and renewal process				
	VI.A.4	Maintain records with local unit of government in a manner that facilitates compliance management					
VI.B	Conduct existing system inspection						
	VI.B.1	1 Complete MPCA Existing SSTS Inspection Form					
	VI.B.2	Complete all local requirements					
	VI.B.3	Issue Certificate of Compliance or Notice of Noncompliance					
	VI.B.4	Resolve soil disputes per locally defined procedures					
	VI.B.5	Submit inspection report to local program and system owner within 15 days of inspection					