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## VIDEO 7: RECORDS COMPLIANCE, ANNUAL REPORTING

- MPCA SSTS ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING

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## Introduction

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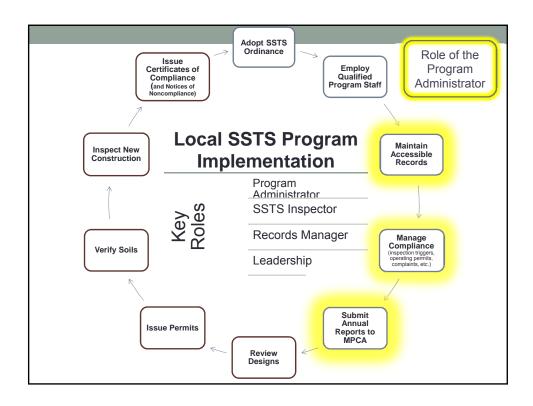
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**Expectations of Local SSTS Programs** 

- Maintain Accessible Records
- Manage Compliance
- Submit Annual Report to MPCA

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand the need to maintain SSTS records
- Identify SSTS compliance triggers, such as zoning and building permits, point of sale, operating permits, complaints
- Understand the requirement for all SSTS programs to submit an Annual Report to the MPCA by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> each year



## SSTS RECORDS

Importance of Maintaining Accessible SSTS Records

## Maintain Accessible Records

- Where: Each local unit of government with an SSTS program, typically house records at office facilities.
- What: SSTS Records
  - · SSTS permit applications, design, and construction permits
  - · Soil verifications
  - Inspections
    - New systems
    - Replacement systems
    - Existing systems
  - Certificates of Compliance/Notice of Noncompliance
  - Correspondence Complaints, point of sale follow-up
  - Operating permits



## Maintain Accessible Records

- How: Accessible Records
  - · Paper copies
  - · Electronically stored
  - IT Support
  - Office support staff







### MANAGE COMPLIANCE

Ways SSTS compliance occurs at the local level

# SSTS Compliance

- Triggers for Compliance Inspections Existing Systems
  - Building Permit
  - Zoning Permit (CUP, Variance...)
  - Point of Sale (selling a property)
  - Complaints
  - Operating Permit
  - Inventory



# SSTS Compliance

- Process for Compliance Inspections Existing System
  - Qualified Employee / Licensed SSTS Inspector
  - State Inspection Form (15 days to submit)
  - Certificate of Compliance / Notice of Noncompliance
    - · Follow-up letter(s) to system owner
    - · Timeframe to upgrade SSTS
    - Support system to track upgrades
    - Enforcement
      - · Local per local ordinance
      - Local and state (Straight-Pipe Law)



### **ANNUAL REPORT**

An Annual Report is required to be submitted each year to the MPCA by all local SSTS programs.

## **Annual Report**

### - Why

- · Specified in the rules
- Summarize SSTS efforts statewide
- · Credible information available when legislators ask
- · Documents the SSTS work accomplished

### Who

- · All local units of gov't with SSTS programs
- In 2012, local reports submitted by 210 programs
- 546,000 septic systems reported

### When

· By February 1 for the previous calendar year

# **Annual Report**

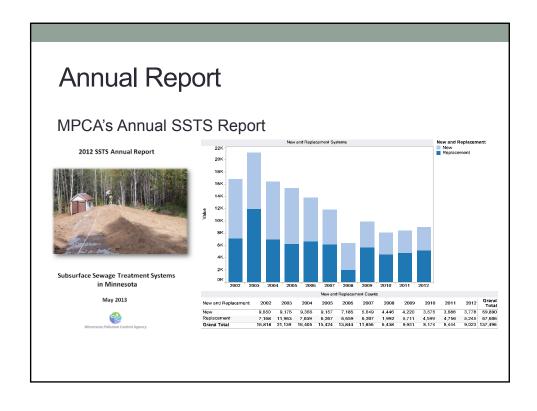
#### - How

- Email spreadsheet to each SSTS program sent December each year
- · 4 tabs to complete
- · Return completed spreadsheet by February 1

#### What

- List in 7082.0040 (Subp. 5)
- · Program information
- System information
- Inspectors
- LGU programs in the county
- · Tank fee
  - Installers
  - Owner installed





SUMMARY

# Summary

- SSTS records need to be maintained by the local permitting authority
- SSTS compliance can be managed through local permit issuance, point of sale, complaints, operating permits, and systematic inventories
- Annual Reports for SSTS are required by all local SSTS programs and are due by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the previous calendar year