

Quiz – MPCA SSTS Administrative Training Videos

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Video One

Welcome, Introduction

1. With whom do you, as the SSTS Program Administrator, need to work to gain political support for this program?
 - a. Son
 - b. Daughter
 - c. Elected officials, other managers in your jurisdiction, and the public
 - d. Fishing buddies

2. As the SSTS Program Administrator, should you be making judgments about the compliance status of specific SSTS?
 - a. Yes, because I'm the boss
 - b. Yes, if the elected official says yes then I'll say yes
 - c. Yes, but only because I am also a certified SSTS inspector

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Program Goals

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1. The goals of MPCA's SSTS program are to:
 - a. have the cheapest systems as possible
 - b. get EPA to allow the state to discharge systems to swamps
 - c. sewer the whole state to wastewater treatment plants
 - d. build effective SSTS that provide for long-term health and environmental protection

2. The goals of local SSTS programs are to:
 - a. have the cheapest systems as possible
 - b. allow the discharge of systems to swamps
 - c. sewer the whole area to a wastewater treatment plant
 - d. build effective SSTS that provide for long-term health and environmental protection

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Video Three

SSTS Rules and Laws

How many chapters pertain to the current SSTS rules?

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Four

What SSTS products are required to be registered for use in Minnesota?

- a. Pipe
- b. Sand
- c. Sewage tanks
- d. Effluent screens

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SSTS Principles

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1. The main treatment component of a SSTS is the septic tank.
 - a. True
 - b. False

2. Proper soil type and unsaturated soil conditions are important to remove pathogens from sewage and protect groundwater.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. If a dwelling discharges sewage to the surface, it would be considered as which of the following:
 - a. An acceptable method of sewage disposal as long as it doesn't discharge to surface water
 - b. An Imminent threat to public health and safety
 - c. A code compliant system
 - d. A system not meeting the required soil separation to seasonally saturated soils

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Video Five

Certification and Licensing

True or False?

1. All private SSTS work must be completed under the liability of an SSTS Business License
2. Qualified Employees are exempt from the SSTS Licensing Requirement
3. Training to become an Inspector QE can be completed in four days for about \$600
4. Continuing Education is NOT required of SSTS Inspector QEs

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Video Six

Expectations for LGUs

1. Local SSTS Programs needs to have:
 - a. an SSTS ordinance on paper only
 - b. an SSTS inspector the homeowner can call for help getting their newly constructed system passed an inspection
 - c. an ordinance, an SSTS administrator, qualified SSTS staff, reviewing plans and inspections, record keeping, and legal authority
 - d. a computerized database for all aspects of the STSS program

2. City and township programs:
 - a. aren't needed because they are exempt from all requirements
 - b. can do whatever they want to do when it comes to SSTS administration
 - c. if they choose to have a program, they need to adopt an SSTS ordinance at least as restrictive as the county and have at least the same program elements as the county program
 - d. are too small to care about so they don't need to have an ordinance

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Records Compliance, Annual Report

1. The compliance of septic systems at the local level can be effectively managed by:
 - a. Doing nothing and hoping for the best
 - b. Waiting for the system to back up in the home
 - c. Inspecting a septic system at the time of property sale
 - d. A banker

2. An Annual SSTS Report is required by whom and when?
 - a. Only by each county programs by Feb 1st each year
 - b. All local SSTS programs by Feb 1st each year
 - c. Each SSTS Inspector at the end of the construction season
 - d. None since we are a small city

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Video Eight

SSTS Design, Permitting

1. The following are qualified to review and approve septic system designs?
 - a. County Commissioner
 - b. SSTS Inspector with proper credentials
 - c. City Council Member
 - d. Support Staff

2. A construction permit can be issued once the owner states that 'all the paperwork is in'.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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Video Nine

Verify Soils, Construction Inspections

1. Soil verification is used to:
 - a. meet setbacks to a structure
 - b. ensure adequate vertical soil separation is accounted for a new system at the time of system construction
 - c. determine how tanks are bedded
 - d. demonstrate the suitability for a building pad

2. Certificates of Compliance for newly constructed SSTs are issued for a period of:
 - a. 2 years
 - b. 3 years
 - c. 4 years
 - d. 5 years

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Video Ten

SSTS Operation, Maintenance

1. Who is responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of a septic system?
 - a. county
 - b. system owner
 - c. state
 - d. contractor who installed it

2. A septic system needs to be pumped out routinely because:
 - a. the alarm goes off
 - b. solids accumulate naturally in the sewage tank, and if the tank fills with solids, solids will eventually plug up the soil treatment system.
 - c. tree roots find their way into the tank and clog it up.
 - d. sewage is always backing up into the basement

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Ensuring Compliance

1. The last “line of defense” against poor SSTS design and installation is:
 - a. The MPCA SSTS license
 - b. The moral fiber of the SSTS contractor
 - c. The homeowner paying the bill
 - d. The local regulator who reviews the design and inspects the construction

2. Local SSTS programs have no authority to enforce SSTS system upgrades when notices of noncompliance are issued.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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Video Twelve

SSTS Resources for Local Program Administrators

1. What is the only way to identify if a business is licensed to conduct SSTS work?
 - a. Refer to the county's list published before every field season
 - b. Use the MPCA's *SSTS Search Tool* on the SSTS website
 - c. Consult your telephone book
 - d. Rely on word-of-mouth

2. The MPCA's website for SSTS should be a resource you may use to help you have an effective SSTS program.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Thanks for Watching these Videos!

No, there aren't any test questions for Video Thirteen.

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