

SL 2014-120 Report Moore County Environmental Health

Part 1A: Moore County Environmental Health: Standardize Certain Regulatory Review Procedures

Reference Session Law 2014-120, Section 29.(b)

1. Applicable Laws and Rules

- a. G.S. 130A-333 through 130A-343 and is considered one of the essential services under G.S. 130A1.1 *On-site Domestic Sewage Disposal*.
 - b. Section 15A NCAC 18A .1900 are the rules that govern the treatment and disposal of domestic type sewage from septic tank systems, privies, incinerating toilets, mechanical toilets, composting toilets, recycling toilets, or other such systems serving single or multiple-family residences, places of business, or places of public assembly, the effluent from which is designed not to discharge to the land surface or surface waters. These rules are the basis for all onsite ground absorption wastewater disposal systems activities.
 - c. N.C.G.S. 90A-70 through 90A-81 *Certification of Onsite Wastewater Contractors and Inspectors*
- **Responsible Person(s):**
Moore County Health Department Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) who have been delegated authority from the State of North Carolina.

2. Procedures:

a) Site and Soil Evaluation for Proposed New Construction

- 1) The property owner or their legal representative must fully complete an application and pay the appropriate fees prior to the property being evaluated. The applicant must accurately mark the corners of the structure and property boundaries to be evaluated. A site evaluation will not be scheduled until the property owner or their legal representative calls back to the Environmental Health Office to confirm the property has been marked and is ready for evaluations.
- 2) A Soil/Site Evaluation for On-Site Wastewater System Form will be completed for each site evaluated. If the site is found to be suitable for a subsurface wastewater disposal system, the REHS completing the evaluation will issue an Improvement Permit (IP). Both an IP and a Construction Authorization (CA) are required before any construction, location, or relocation activities may commence on a property. If the site is denied the issuance of a permit, a letter of denial is sent to the landowner stating the reasons why the application was denied. The letter also includes all information for the landowner to pursue either a formal or informal review of this decision.

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b) Repair of an Existing System

- 1) A repair application must be submitted with any information necessary to find the record for the malfunctioning system.
- 2) The repair may involve repair/replacement of only certain failed-system component(s) or the repair could entail replacement of the entire system as indicated by results of an evaluation (diagnosis) of the failed system. A permit is issued, which details the construction requirements for the repaired system.
- 3) Repair of failures shall be made in a manner maximizing the repaired/replacement system with compliance to the 15A NCAC 18A .1900 rules to the greatest extent possible. When complete conformance with these rules is not possible, the REHS may, after considering all applicable physical soil/site factors and other reasonable extenuating circumstances, use his/her best professional judgment.
- 4) Temporary Pump and Haul or abandonment of the property will be the last resort when repair options have been exhausted and/or there is no reasonable method or way of disposing of the wastewater in a sanitary manner on site.

c) Installation and Inspection

- 1) The person(s) responsible for the installation shall call to schedule system installation inspections with the Environmental Health Section on the day of inspection between 8:00am and 8:30am. The system construction shall remain uncovered and available and shall not be covered until after the inspection and approval of the REHS.
- 2) After approval of the system installation an operation permit will be issued.

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Part 1B: Moore County Environmental Health: Standardize Certain Regulatory Review Procedures

Reference Session Law 2014-120, Section 29.(b)

- 1. Applicable Laws, Rules, and References:** The following policies are based on the legal authority granted to the local Health Authority under G.S. 130A-247 thru 130A-250 to inspect and regulate food and lodging establishments; G.S. 130A-235 to inspect and regulate institutions; G.S. 130A-236 and 237 to inspect and regulate schools; G.S. 153A-226 to inspect and regulate local confinement facilities. These are considered essential services under G.S. 130A 1.1.

- a. Environmental Health Food, Lodging and Institution Programs**

15A NCAC 18A .2600 *Rules Governing the Sanitation of Food Service Establishments*

- b. Environmental Health Pool Program**

15A NCAC 18A .2500 *Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools* are the requirements for all activity under this program.

- **Responsible Person(s):**

Moore County Environmental Health Department Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) who have been delegated authority by the State of North Carolina.

- 2. Procedures:**

- a. Food and Lodging**

1. Environmental Health Specialists delegated authority by the state of North Carolina to carry out the provisions of the relevant rule inspect and conduct all regulatory actions relevant to all establishments and institutions.
2. Establishments are approved for state permits to operate when found to be in compliance with all requirements, per state rules and guidelines.
3. Plans for new and remodeled establishments are reviewed for compliance with the applicable rule(s).
1. Inspections are conducted at a frequency that adheres to the mandated inspection interval for the type establishment, as found in applicable statutes and rules.
2. The authorized agents respond to public complaints and requests for services as necessary. The Environmental Health Section works collaboratively with other state and local agencies with shared jurisdiction for regulating some establishment types.
3. The Environmental Health Section representatives are active members of the county Epi-Team and collaborate with other public health Sections in the investigation of disease occurrences and outbreaks as necessary.

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b. Pools

1. Plans for new and remodeled pools are submitted with a fee and reviewed for compliance with the applicable Rules. Applications for existing pools are submitted annually along with fees.
2. Inspections are conducted at a frequency according to mandated inspection intervals for year-round and seasonal pools.
3. The authorized REHS respond to public complaints and requests for services as necessary.
4. The Environmental Health Section staff prioritizes educating public swimming pool operators of the regulated facilities to assure that they are operated in a safe and sanitary manner at all times.

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Part 2A: Moore County Environmental Health Informal Review Processes and

Procedures to Develop and Maintain a List of Review Engineers

Reference Session Law 2014-120, Section 29.(c)

- A. If a submitting Party requests an Informal Internal Review of an engineered design, the request will be forwarded to the State in accordance with Part 2A Section III of the State report.
- B. A list of PEs available for Informal Internal Reviews will be developed in accordance with Part 2A Section IV of the State report.

Part 2B: Moore County Environmental Health Informal Review Processes and

Procedures to Develop and Maintain a List of Review Engineers

Reference Session Law 2014-120, Section 29.(c)

- A. If a submitting Party requests an Informal Internal Review of an engineered design, the request will be forwarded to the State in accordance with Part 2B Section II of the State report.

- B. A list of PEs available for Informal Internal Reviews will be developed in accordance with Part 2B Section III of the State report.

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Part 3A: Moore County Environmental Health Review of Working Job Titles

Reference Session Law 2014-120, Section 29.(h)

- A. Human Resources (HR) was consulted regarding the working job titles of each employee in Environmental Health. There are none whose working title includes the term “engineer.”

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Part 3B: Moore County Environmental Health Review of Working Job Titles

Reference Session Law 2014-120, Section 29.(h)

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