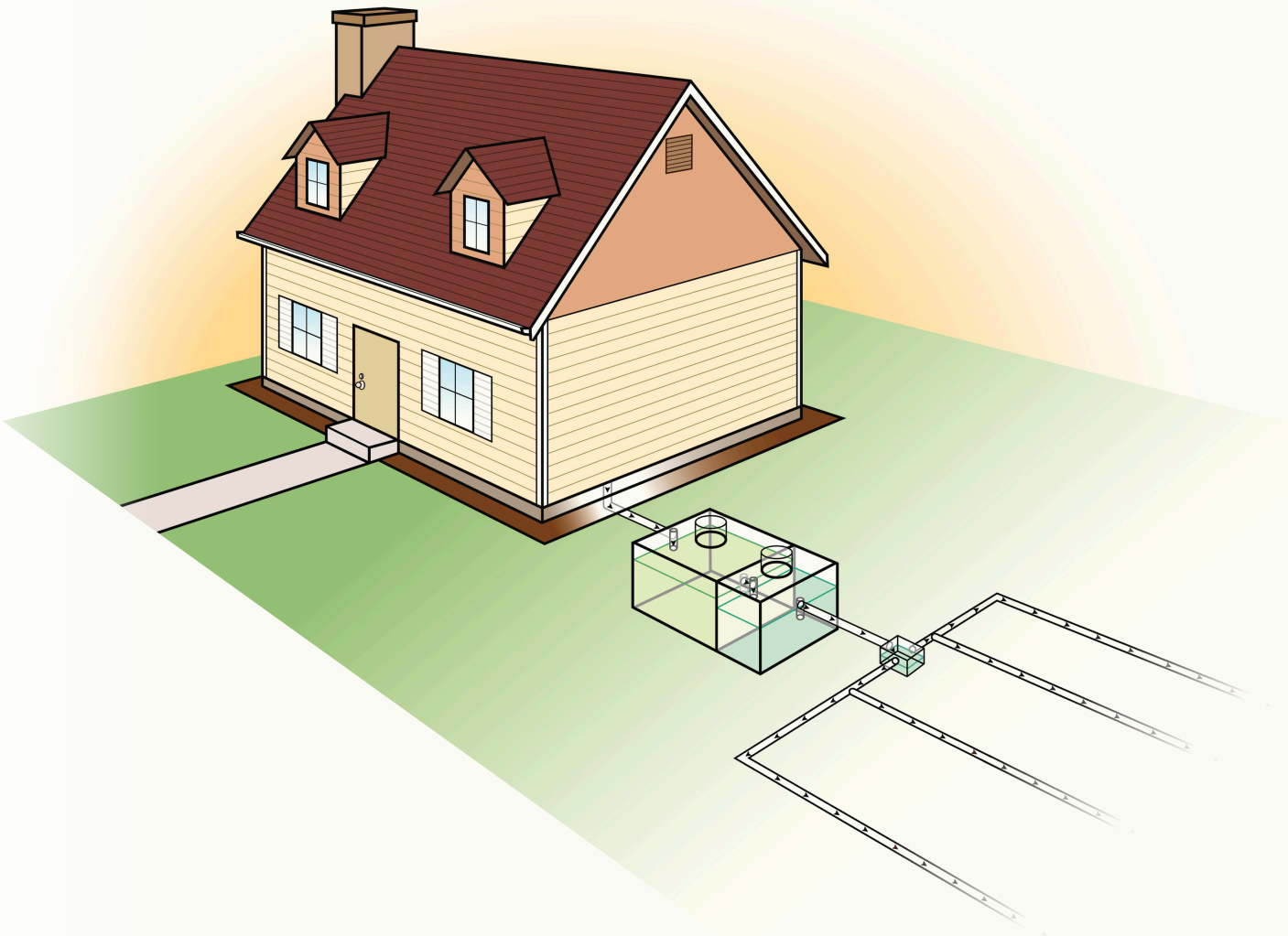


Percolation Testing and Reporting Standards for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems



Foreword

A soil percolation report uses water absorption rates for specific parcels of land to determine the appropriate onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) that can be used for proposed development. The soil's percolation condition at a specific parcel of land is determined by testing at the site. This information along with topographical, geologic, and hydrologic conditions are determined and described in the report. The OWTS is then designed in accordance with the report and San Bernardino County standards. A properly installed, operated and maintained OWTS is essential to prevent public health nuisances including odors, groundwater or surface water contamination, and safety hazards associated with premature system failure.

Completed soil percolation reports and required fees must be submitted to Environmental Health Services (EHS) prior to the approval of the use of any OWTS and the application of the design rate.

Note: This document was previously titled "Onsite Wastewater Disposal System Soil Percolation (PERC) Test Report Standards: Suitability of Lots and Soils for Use of Leach lines or Seepage Pits". The title has been updated to reflect the primary purpose of the information presented.

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Definitions

Alternative Onsite Sewage Disposal System

Any OWTS that does not meet the criteria of a conventional OWTS, but is allowed under conditions specified by EHS. These include supplemental treatment systems (see separate definition) and alternative dispersal system, such as pressured dose distribution systems.

Basin Plan (or Water Quality Control Plan)

A plan which identifies surface and ground water bodies within each region's boundaries, and establishes for each, its respective beneficial uses, and water quality objectives. Basin plans are adopted by the RWQCB and SWRCB, and are approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

Bedrock

The rock, usually solid, which underlies soil or other unconsolidated, surficial material.

Cesspool

An excavation in the ground receiving domestic wastewater, designed to retain the organic matter and solids, while allowing the liquids to seep into the soil. Cesspools differ from seepage pits because cesspools do not have a septic tank to pretreat the sewage prior to discharge into the soil.

Clay

Term used to describe a soil particle, or type of soil texture. As a soil:

- Particle – clay consists of individual rock or mineral particles having diameters of <0.002 millimeters (mm).
- Texture – clay is a soil material that is comprised of 40%, or more, clay particles, not more than 45% sand, and not more than 40% silt particles using the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) soil classification system.

Cobbles

Rock fragments measuring 76 mm or larger, using the USDA soil classification systems.

Dispersal System

A type of system for final wastewater treatment and subsurface discharge, which may include a leach field, seepage pit, mound, subsurface drip field, or evapotranspiration and infiltration bed.

Domestic Wastewater

Wastewater with a measured strength less than high strength wastewater, which is discharged from plumbing fixtures, appliances and other household devices.

Effluent

Sewage, water, or other liquid (partially or completely treated, or in its natural state), flowing out of a septic tank, aerobic treatment unit, dispersal system, or other OWTS component.

Grease Interceptor

A passive interceptor with a rate of flow exceeding 50 gallons-per-minute located outside a building, and used for separating and collecting grease from wastewater.

Groundwater

Water below the land surface that is at, or above, atmospheric pressure.

High Strength Wastewater

Wastewater, prior to septic tank or other form of OWTS treatment component, having:

- A 30-day average concentration of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) greater than 300 milligrams per liter (mg/L),
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS) greater than 330 mg/L, or
- A Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) concentration greater than 100mg/L.

Impaired Water Bodies/303(d) List

Surface water bodies, or segments thereof, identified on the Section 303(d) list pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, approved by the SWRCB, and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Local Agency

Any subdivision of state government responsible for permitting, installation, and regulation of OWTS within its jurisdictional boundaries; typically a county, city, or special district.

Local Agency Management Program (LAMP)

A program for the siting, design, operation and maintenance of OWTS, developed by a local agency, and approved by the RWQCB as an alternate method to achieve the same policy purpose as that of OWTS policy. Herein referred to as the Program.

Mottling

A soil condition that:

- Results from oxidizing or reducing minerals due to soil moisture changes from saturated to unsaturated over time,
- Is characterized by spots or blotches of different colors or, shades of color (grays and reds), interspersed within the dominant color as described by the USDA soil classification system, and
- May indicate historic seasonal high ground water levels.

Mound System

An above grade dispersal system, having subsurface discharge, used to enhance soil treatment, dispersal, and absorption of effluent discharged from an OWTS treatment unit (e.g., septic tank).

National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International

A not for profit, non-governmental organization which develops health and safety standards, and performs product certification.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

Wastewater treatment systems that use subsurface disposal, including: individual; community collection and disposal; and alternative collection and disposal systems.

Note: OWTS do not include “graywater” systems pursuant to Chapter 15 of the California Plumbing Code.

Percolation Test

A method of testing water absorption of the soil by using clean water to determine the dispersal system design.

Permit

A document issued by a local agency that allows the installation, use, and/or monitoring of an OWTS.

Qualified Professional

An individual licensed, or certified by a State of California agency, to design OWTS and practice as a professional for other associated reports, as allowed under their license or registration. Qualified Professionals include the following:

- Registered Civil Engineers
- Certified Engineering Geologists
- Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHSs)
- Registered Geologists
- Geotechnical Engineers.

Replacement OWTS

An OWTS that, after the effective date of this LAMP, has its treatment capacity expanded or its dispersal system replaced or added onto.

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

Regional Water Board is any of the Regional Water Quality Control Boards designated by California Water Code Section 13200. Any reference to an action of the Regional Water Board in this Policy also refers to an action of its Executive Officer. Depending on the site specific location of the OWTS, Regional Water Board reference in this document may refer to the Colorado River Basin Water Board, the Lahontan Water Board, or the Santa Ana Water Board.

Sand

A soil particle or type of soil texture. As a:

- Soil particle – Sand consists of individual rock, or mineral particles, having diameters ranging from 0.05 to 2.0 mm.
- Soil texture – Sand is soil that is comprised of 85% or more sand particles, with the percentage of silt plus 1.5 times the percentage of clay particles comprising less than 15%.

Seepage Pit

A drilled or dug excavation three to six feet in diameter. It is also gravel filled but has a hollow core with a minimum depth below the inlet of feet and receives effluent discharge for dispersal from a septic tank or other OWTS treatment unit.

Septic Tank

A watertight, covered, receptacle designed for primary treatment of wastewater and constructed to:

- Receive wastewater discharged from a building,
- Allow solids to settle and fats, oils, and grease to float,
- Digest organic matter using anaerobic bacterial action,
- Store digested solids, and
- Clarify wastewater for further treatment with final subsurface discharge.

Service Provider

A person who is state licensed with knowledge and competency in OWTS design, construction operation, monitoring and maintaining an OWTS in accordance with this LAMP. For supplemental treatment, the individual must also be certified and/or trained extensively by the manufacturer of an OWTS with supplemental treatment to install, maintain, service, monitor and repair the specific model/type of OWTS.

Silt

A soil particle or type of soil texture. As a:

- Soil particle – Silt consists of individual rock, or mineral particles, having diameters ranging from 0.05 to 0.002mm.
- Soil texture – Silt is soil that is comprised of approximately 80% or more silt particles, and not more than 12% clay particles using the USDA soil classification system.

Site

The location of the OWTS and/or a reserve dispersal area, capable of disposing 100% of the design flow from all the sources the OWTS is intended to serve.

Site Evaluation

An assessment of the characteristics of the site, sufficient to determine its suitability for an OWTS that meets the requirements of the LAMP.

Soil

The naturally occurring body of porous mineral and organic materials on the land surface, which is composed of:

- Unconsolidated materials, including sand, silt, and clay sized particles.
- Varying amounts of larger fragments, and organic matter.
- Earthen material with particles smaller than 0.08 inches (2mm) in size.

Soil Texture

The soil class that describes the relative amount of sand, clay, silt, and combinations thereof.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

A five member State Water Board, which develops statewide water protection plans, and establishes water quality standards.

Supplemental Treatment

Any OWTS, or component thereof, which performs additional wastewater treatment, so the effluent meets a predetermined performance requirement, according to the RWQCB, prior to the discharge of effluent into the dispersal field. This excludes septic and/or dosing tanks.

Telemetric

The ability to automatically measure and transmit OWTS data by wire, radio, or other means.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The federal department which provides leadership regarding food, agriculture, natural resources, and related issues.

Requirement to Notify EHS Prior to Conducting Percolation Tests

The Notice of Intent to Perform Percolation Testing Form **must** be submitted to EHS at least two working days **prior** to conducting percolation tests.

- EHS may schedule a field inspection during testing or shortly thereafter at the department's discretion.
- The PERC report requires the preparer to include the date that the Notice of Intent to Perform Percolation Testing Form was submitted to EHS.

1.1 Circumstances Requiring Submission of a PERC report

A PERC report is required by EHS for:

- a) All subdivisions of land,
- b) Any single lot where space or soil conditions for onsite sewage disposal are critical (i.e., very small or steep lots, very slow PERC times, shallow groundwater with fast PERC times, etc.),
- c) All new OWTS within the San Bernardino or Angeles National Forest boundaries and in other mountain areas,
- d) All OWTS requiring an exemption from Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) wastewater discharge prohibitions (Check with Specialist or RWQCB for designated areas),
- e) Any commercial or sanitary wastes from industrial developments utilizing OWTS,
- f) A replacement system where existing data will not allow EHS to set a design rate,
- g) All new construction prior to building permit, or
- h) Prior to approval of a sewage holding tank.

Note: Sewage Holding Tank PERC testing may be waived for lots less than 1 acre located in prohibition areas (Pages 39 and 40 Local Agency Management Program).

1.2 Preparer Requirements

Those who prepare PERC reports must be a Qualified Professional and be knowledgeable in assessing the site's OWTS feasibility. Preparers assume responsibility for the report's contents in accordance with the obligations of their professional registration and may be held liable if false or misleading information is presented.

Reports must be properly documented with the original signature, stamp, and professional registration number of the preparer. Photo copied signatures will not be accepted. Preparers must be identified by name and field technicians are identified by initials.

2.1 Description of Site and Proposal

The following format and content is required when completing a PERC report:

- a) Date that EHS was notified of testing. Include [Notice of Intent to Perform Percolation Testing Form](#)
- b) Prepared for: Name of client, address and phone number, email address
- c) Location of land - Provide a sufficiently detailed description including:
 - Vicinity map,
 - United States Geological Survey (USGS) Topographical map
 - Assessor's Parcel Map
 - Detailed description with:
 - Assessor's parcel number and
 - Township,
 - Range,
 - Section,
 - Latitude and longitude, or
 - Legal description of property.

Ensure that you have the right parcel prior to testing and state how the property was identified (the owner's declaration alone is not acceptable). Indicate landmarks and street addresses when possible. Specify survey monuments found and if who surveyed the property lines.

2.2 Proposed Development/Project/Land Use

State the following:

- a) Type of project (i.e. single family residence, condominium, subdivision tract, lot sale, parcel map, shopping center, etc.).
- b) Total acreage, the number of lots, and the average and range of the lot sizes.
- c) Type of sewage disposal system: (e.g. conventional onsite wastewater treatment or alternative treatment system, leach line(s) or seepage pit(s), separate or common system, alternative dispersal system).
- d) Proposed grading for the development, and quantity of grading to be completed.
- e) Provide California Plumbing Code calculations (see 7.6 Plot Systems).

2.3 Description of Site and Surroundings

- a) **Topography:** Include a topographic map prepared by a Registered Civil Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor, unless the site and the surroundings are flat or have a uniform, constant slope of less than 20% (1% variation). For example, a slope of 10% downward from north property line to south property line would not require a topographic map. Refer to the table below for maximum interval of contours for topographic maps.

% Slope	Maximum Interval of Contours in Feet for Topographic Map
0-2	2
>2-10	4
>10	10

Describe the topography in the area of the proposed disposal site(s) and its location relative to the proposed development. Refer to Appendix G for additional information.

- b) **Watercourses:** Indicate and show on the plot plan any floodway, floodplain, spring(s), stream(s), and drainage course(s), which encroach within a distance of 1 ½ times the required minimum setback from the disposal area(s). Refer to Appendix I for additional information.

- c) **Vegetation:** Indicate type and density of vegetation (especially groundwater indicators such as willows, reed grasses, and cattails) as well as trees in general, area(s) of proposed system(s).
- d) **Existing structures:**
1. General description of proximity, density, probable kind and number of neighboring OWTS.
 2. Indicate whether the proposed system could adversely impact any existing structure's disposal system(s) or replacement area on or in the vicinity of the parcel being tested.
 3. Indicate location of nearest sewer, and any sewer manholes observed.
- e) **Wells:**
1. Indicate the location of any active or inactive well(s) (and their construction details if known) located within 600 feet of the proposed disposal area.
 2. Indicate the proposed source of domestic water (water purveyor service connection or individual well).
 3. Identify future well sites, when appropriate.
 4. Provide groundwater quality data, if available, from existing well(s) on parcel.
- f) **Rock outcroppings:** Specify whether or not rock outcroppings exist and the type of rock (e.g. shale, slate, schist, granite).
- g) **Groundwater:** Indicate the depth to historic groundwater and how it was determined. Provide the date and source of information used (e.g. Flood Control Agency, local water companies, California Department of Water Resources Bulletin, USGS, EHS, State Water Board Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program).
- h) **Other:** Any other feature that may affect sewage disposal: fill material, spots of vegetation, obvious signs of slope instability, fractured bedrock, root channels, cracks in the soil profile, suspected infiltration galleries or old mine tunnels, proposed grading over the system, etc.

Note: Including a photograph may assist in describing the site and surroundings, but is not required.

2.4 Equipment

Provide a detailed description of equipment used to perform PERC tests such as:

- Backhoe with 12" bucket
- Rig with 8" diameter, screw-type auger (identify type)
- 6" posthole digger and shovel
- Measuring tape with 1/8" divisions,
- Wire-on float sliding on 1/10" gradation scale, etc.

3.1 Location of Borings and Trenchings

Under most circumstances, the random grid method should be utilized when conducting boring and trenching. In the event that other methods are used, explain the method and state the specific reason(s) it was used in lieu of the grid method. It is the report preparer's responsibility to ensure that tests were conducted where described in the report. Indicate locations on the plot plan. For easy identification, leave three-foot laths marked with your initials, hole/trench number, and the date the test was conducted at each backfilled hole.

Estimate theoretical cuts and fills and perform the tests and borings at the depths at which percolation will occur when the OWTS is installed. When final grading is unknown, indicate that leach lines will be located in natural soil \pm two (2) feet of cut or fill (\pm five (5) feet if pits) or at tested depths. If the final system design is not located within the stated range, additional testing will be required prior to final recording or issuance of a building permit.

Soil characteristics to determine number of borings or trenchings and tests. Unless deviations are permitted in advance by EHS, the minimum number of explorations and tests in Tables 3.2, 4.1, and 5.1 is determined based on the following soil characteristics:

- a) **Favorable** is defined by the following:
 1. Ideal soil conditions are anticipated.
 2. There is no visual evidence of shallow groundwater, bedrock, impervious materials, etc. Tests and borings performed agree with the visual evidence. Natural or finished slope of the disposal area is 20% or less.
- b) **Moderate** is defined by the following:
 1. Only isolated areas of the property are suspected to encounter problems due to groundwater, bedrock, impervious materials, etc.
 2. No more than 10% of the tests and deep borings fail to meet standards.
 3. The minimum number of tests and borings should be spaced in a random grid, the additional tests describe the limits of the problem area(s).
 4. Natural or finished slope of the disposal area is 21% - 30%.
Note: Refer to Appendix F for additional information.
- c) **Severe** is defined by the following:
 1. Obvious surface features indicating site conditions that will hinder subsurface disposal are present.
 2. Through random testing, more than 10% of the tests and borings fail to meet standards.
 3. Acceptable testing rates approach the upper limit of approval, or a non-uniform pattern of test rates develop.
 4. Natural or finished slopes of the disposal area exceeds 30%.
Note: Refer to Appendix F for additional information.

3.2 Minimum Number of Exploratory Borings

Proposed Project	Gross Lot Size	Soil Conditions	
		Favorable to Moderate	Severe
Residential lot	N/A	1 boring*	2 borings per lot*
Commercial lot, confluent systems under one ownership	N/A	1 boring per 4,000 gallons septic tank capacity*	1 boring per 2,000 gallons septic tank capacity*
Tentative parcel map	5 acres or less	1 boring in the center of the undivided parcel	2 borings evenly spaced in the undivided parcel
Subdivisions and individual lot sales	<1 acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 borings first 10 lots • 1 boring every 10 lots thereafter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 borings first 10 lots • 5 borings every 10 lots thereafter
	1-5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 borings first 10 lots • 3 borings every 10 lots thereafter 	2 borings per lot*
	>5 acres	1 boring per lot*	2 borings per lot*

* In general area of the disposal systems (primary and expansion), if known or where proposed.

- a) **Abandonment:** Indicate method of boring abandonment.
- b) **Bedrock:** Ease of excavating/drilling, depth to bedrock and rock competency (soft, firm, hard, refusal).
- c) **Boring/Trenching Results:** Number each hole or excavation. Graphically describe soil strata at each hole or excavation. Depth of boring/trenching shall be a minimum 5 feet below the bottom of the proposed leach lines and 10 feet below the bottom of the proposed seepage pit unless there is insufficient fines (less than 15% passing #200 sieve), then boring minimum is increased to 40 feet below the bottom of trench or pit.
- d) **Colors:** Describe if the soil condition is dry or moist, and if there is reduction-oxidation mottling. The Munsell soil color chart may be the descriptive tool utilized to determine the background soil color.
- e) **Free water:** The depth to groundwater, if present, shall be reported. Observed groundwater shall be reported at the level groundwater reaches in the excavation, or at the highest level of sidewall seepage into the excavation after 24 hours. Measurements shall be made from the ground level. Soil above the water level in the excavation shall be checked for conditions associated with saturation (mottles). If a soil foundation study is performed and groundwater is discovered, provide that information in the PERC report. Incomplete information may be cause for revocation of an OWTS approval.
- f) **Moisture:** If soil at or near the point of saturation is encountered in the exploratory boring, observe the borehole after 24 hours to determine the presence of free water.
- g) **Roots:** Presence and extent of small/large roots.
- h) **Soil lithology:** Where the soil lithology is stratified and low-permeability layers such as sandy silts and clays, or caliche could affect the OWTS performance (leach lines and seepage pits bottomed less than 20 feet below grade), the soil profile shall be described by direct visual observation: i.e., in a backhoed trench, road cut, suitable large (> two (2) feet diameter) boring, or split spoon sampling.
- i) **Soil Profile Descriptions:** Soil Profile Description must be written under the supervision of the registrant for all of the excavations. The thickness (in inches or tenths of a foot) of the different soil horizons observed shall be indicated. Soil horizons shall be described on the basis of color, field texture analyses, soil mottles, bedrock, structure, roots, and pores. Depths shall be measured from the existing ground surface.
- j) **Structural characteristics:** Stratigraphy, and geologic origin shall be described when determined necessary by the consultant for severe sites only.
- k) **Textures:** Use any of the classifications. State the approximate percentage of cobbles, gravel, sand, silt, and clay. Refer to Appendix A for additional information.

4.1 Minimum Number of Tests for Leach lines

Proposed Project	Gross Lot Size	Soil Conditions		
		Favorable	Moderate	Severe
Residential lot	N/A	Minimum 4 tests*	4 tests*	6 tests*
Commercial lot, confluent systems under one ownership	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 tests/3,000 gallons tank capacity* 1 test for each additional 2,000 gallons tank capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 tests/3,000 gallons tank capacity* 2 tests for each additional 2,000 gallons tank capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 tests/3,000 gallons tank capacity* 3 tests for each additional 2,000 gallons tank capacity
Tentative Parcel Map	N/A	Minimum one test for each lot in the area of the disposal system (minimum 4 tests for map)	2 tests per lot* (minimum 6 tests)	3 tests per lot* (minimum 8 tests)
Tentative Tracts (Note: Individual lot sales requires 100% lot testing)	<2.5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 tests first 10 lots 1 test every 10 lots thereafter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 tests first 10 lots 6 test every 10 lots thereafter 	1 test/lot
	2.5 acres to 5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 tests first 10 lots 3 tests every 10 lots thereafter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tests first 10 lots 7 tests every 10 lots thereafter 	1 test/lot
	>5 acres	1 test/lot	1 test/lot	1 test/lot

*In the general area of the disposal systems (primary and expansion), if known or where proposed.

4.2 Standard Percolation Test Procedure for Leach Lines

Test Hole

Test holes shall be augured or excavated to within 13 inches of the actual test depth which corresponds to the anticipated depth of the leach lines or the bed trench bottom. Vary depths to include testing of side wall if the disposal system will be more than three feet below the ground surface. In addition, perform one test in the least permeable soil stratum found during the deep excavation if the soil type changes within 5 feet of the proposed trench bottom.

1. Test hole of diameter 5.5" - 8" (D) should be used.
2. Larger holes than stipulated in coarse soils with a rate of less than 8 minutes/inch (MPI) will require a correction factor using the formula:

$$\frac{\text{MPI (test)} \times 6}{\text{Actual "D" dimension}} = \text{MPI corrected}$$

Note: Rates greater than 8 MPI do not need to be corrected.

3. Depth - The minimum test hole depth is 13". All sides to be vertical. (Below the test excavation bottom or at least 5 feet horizontal distance to daylight in a trench bench.)
4. All loose material must be removed from the test hole and the bottom of the hole should be in natural, undisturbed soil.
5. Place two (2) inches of 1/4" to 3/4" gravel over the bottom of the test hole. A perforated can/pipe may be placed over the gravel.

Note: If the can/pipe has a bottom, gravel may not be necessary.

Pre-Soak

1. Fill the hole with 12" of clear water (10" above the gravel or the bottom of the perforated can).
2. If ten (10) inches of clear water seeps away in two consecutive readings in less than ten (10) minutes each and the soil is of sandy soils/coarse texture, testing can be conducted immediately. Otherwise, proceed to step 3.
3. Pre-soak by:
 - a) Maintaining the water level in the test hole at ten (10) inches above the gravel, for at least four (4) hours, or;
 - b) For augured test holes: Fill test hole to the surface and invert a five (5) gallon bottle of water in the hole. This pre-soak method may require additional cleaning of the hole and new gravel placement prior to testing.

Note: All of the above procedures are designed to allow a minimum of five (5) gallons of water to percolate and saturate the lower 12 inches of the test hole. Other pre-soak methods that also accomplish this may be used, but should be fully described in the final report.

Testing and Recording

1. Begin testing 15-26 hours after the beginning of the soaking period (except for sandy soils/coarse texture as noted), to allow time for swelling of clays but prevent soil from drying out.
2. Fill or refill the hole with clear water to eight (8) inches from the bottom of the hole, six (6) inches over the gravel.
 - a) **Rapid Readings:** If more than five (5) inches of water is drained in 30 minutes, take readings every 10 minutes for one hour minimum. Refill after each reading. All final time intervals shall provide a minimum of a one (1) inch drop and not more than a three (3) inch drop.

Note: Final time intervals may need to be adjusted in order to meet this requirement.
 - b) **Slow Readings:** If less than one (1) inch is drained in 30 minutes, take 60 minute readings for a minimum of three (3) hours. Do not refill until at least a one (1) inch drop has occurred.
3. Intermediate Readings: All other cases, take 30 minute readings for three (3) hours minimum. Refill after each reading. All final time intervals shall provide a minimum drop between one (1) and three (3) inches.

Note: All measurements will be read to the closest 1/8". If the difference between the last two readings is greater than 10%, additional measurements will be required. Final time intervals may need to be adjusted in order to meet this requirement.

Results

The reported results shall be the most conservative reading in minutes per inch (MPI) drop.

4.3 Continuous Pre-Soak Percolation Test Procedure for Leach Lines

Description

This method requires the use of a water reservoir to provide a continuous volume of water in the hole during the pre-soak period. After a predetermined volume of water has seeped through the test hole, the measurement of the percolation rates may commence. The method described in the following procedure utilizes a 5-gallon water bottle inverted in the test hole. This procedure may be modified to use a reservoir and a float device to control the water level as described:

Excavation

The test excavation shall be constructed to facilitate the placement of the 5 gallon reservoir of water over the test hole. The excavation shall reach to within 13 inches of the actual test depth which corresponds to the approximate depth of the leach line trench bottom. Vary the depths in order to include testing of the

sidewall if the disposal system is to be more than three feet below the ground surface. In addition, perform one test if the soil type changes within 5 feet of the proposed trench bottom.

Test Hole

1. Auger or hand excavation (in trench bottom).
2. A hole of diameter 5.5" - 8" (D) should be used.
3. Larger holes than stipulated in sandy soils/coarse texture with a rate of less than 10 MPI will require a correction factor using the formula:

$$\text{MPI corrected} = \frac{\text{MPI (test)} \times 6}{\text{Actual "D" dimension}}$$

4. The test hole is required to be at least 13 inches deep.
5. All loose material must be removed from the test hole and the bottom of the hole should be in natural, undisturbed soil.
6. Place 2 inches of 1/4" to 3/4" gravel over the bottom of the test hole. A perforated pipe is then placed in the hole to prevent caving and to support the water bottle. The pipe length shall be approximately the same length as the test hole depth.

Pre-Soaking

1. To start, fill the test hole with water to 8 inches above the gravel. Invert a full 5 gallon bottle of clear water over the hole (in a bottle support) so that the hole is filled continuously to approximately 8 inches over the gravel.
2. Testing may commence when the 5 gallons of water has percolated through the test hole, or after 15 hours but no longer than 26 hours from initiating pre-soak.

Testing Options

A. Same day testing

The test may proceed the same day as the pre-soak if 5 gallons of clear water percolates away while the tester is present.

1. Remove the bottle and adjust the water level to 6 inches above the gravel.
2. Take a minimum of four (4) consecutive measurements at timed intervals that provide a drop between 1 and 3 inches.
3. Refill the water level to 6 inches above the gravel after each measurement.

Note: All measurements must be read to 1/8". If the difference between the last two readings is greater than 10%, additional measurements shall be made.

B. Next day testing - (15-26 hours after starting pre-soak)

1. If water is still present in the test hole, the test shall not start less than 15 hours from initiating the pre-soak.
 - a) Remove the bottle and adjust the water level to 6 inches above the gravel.
 - b) Take a minimum of two (2) consecutive measurements at time intervals that provide not less than a 1-inch nor more than a 3-inch drop in the water level. Refill the water level to 6 inches above the gravel after each measurement.
2. If no water is left in the test hole, the test shall begin within 26 hours from starting the pre-soak. (Repeat the pre-soak procedure if more than 26 hours have passed.)
 - a) Remove the bottle and adjust the water level to 6 inches above the gravel.
 - b) Take a series of readings for a minimum of two hours, or four consecutive readings at time intervals that provide not less than a 1-inch nor more than a 3-inch drop in the water level. Refill the water level to 6 inches above the gravel after each measurement.

Note: All measurements shall be read to 1/8". If the difference between the last two readings is greater than 10%, additional measurements shall be made.

4.4 Results for Leach Lines

The reported results shall be the most conservative reading in minutes per inch.

Leach Lines Test Results

Tabulate all the results, including all tests that failed to meet the minimum acceptable standards. Provide copies of all the field data and calculations.

Leach line Test:

1. Hole Number
2. Diameter in inches
3. Hours of presaturation:
 - Gallons used
 - Time presoak initiated
4. Depth (to bottom) below grade
5. Types of strata tested
6. Condition of hole: Caving or siltation
7. Any method used to prevent sidewall caving: Pipe or can used
8. Name of tester
9. Date tested
10. Provide the numerical values for the parameters below:

Parameter	Meaning	Assigned Value (To be calculated)
t_i	Initial time when filling or refilling is completed (in minutes)	
t_f	Final time (in minutes)	
Δt	Change in time (in minutes)	
d_i	Initial depth of water in hole (in inches)	
d_f	Final depth of water in hole (in inches)	
Δd	Change in depth (in inches)	

4.5 Figure: Application Rates as Determined from Stabilized Percolation Rate for Leach Lines

Percolation Rate (minutes per inch)	Application Rate (gallons per day per square foot)	Ft ² /g/d	Percolation Rate (minutes per inch)	Application Rate (gallons per day per square foot)	Ft ² /g/d	Percolation Rate (minutes per inch)	Application Rate (gallons per day per square foot)	Ft ² /g/d
<1	Requires Local Management Program	.83	31	0.522	1.92	61	0.197	5.08
1	1.2	.83	32	0.511	1.96	62	0.194	5.15
2	1.2	.83	33	0.5	2.0	63	0.19	5.26
3	1.2	.83	34	0.489	2.04	64	0.187	5.35
4	1.2	.83	35	0.478	2.09	65	0.184	5.43
5	1.2	.83	36	0.467	2.14	66	0.18	5.56
6	0.8	1.25	37	0.456	2.19	67	0.177	5.65
7	0.8	1.25	38	0.445	2.25	68	0.174	5.75
8	0.8	1.25	39	0.434	2.3	69	0.17	5.88
9	0.8	1.25	40	0.422	2.37	70	0.167	5.99
10	0.8	1.25	41	0.411	2.43	71	0.164	6.10
11	0.786	1.27	42	0.4	2.5	72	0.16	6.25
12	0.771	1.3	43	0.389	2.57	73	0.157	6.40
13	0.757	1.32	44	0.378	2.65	74	0.154	6.49
14	0.743	1.35	45	0.367	2.72	75	0.15	6.67
15	0.729	1.37	46	0.356	2.80	76	0.147	6.80
16	0.714	1.4	47	0.345	2.90	77	0.144	6.94
17	0.7	1.43	48	0.334	2.99	78	0.14	7.14
18	0.686	1.46	49	0.323	3.10	79	0.137	7.30
19	0.671	1.49	50	0.311	3.22	80	0.133	7.52
20	0.657	1.52	51	0.3	3.33	81	0.13	7.69
21	0.643	1.56	52	0.289	3.46	82	0.127	7.87
22	0.629	1.59	53	0.278	3.60	83	0.123	8.13
23	0.614	1.63	54	0.267	3.75	84	0.12	8.33
24	0.6	1.67	55	0.256	3.91	85	0.117	8.55
25	0.589	1.7	56	0.245	4.08	86	0.113	8.85
26	0.578	1.73	57	0.234	4.27	87	0.11	9.09
27	0.567	1.76	58	0.223	4.48	88	0.107	9.35
28	0.556	1.8	59	0.212	4.72	89	0.103	9.71
29	0.545	1.83	60	0.2	5.0	90	0.1	10
30	0.533	1.88				>90-120	0.1	10

4.6 Discussion of Results

- a) Discuss the uniformity of the soils in regards to the soil classification (favorable, moderate or severe) and percolation times obtained. Uniform is defined as 4 test results falling within $\pm 1/4$ of their mean percolation time. Based on boring/trenching data, discuss how the most restrictive layer below the disposal area was tested, or can be avoided by proper separation or design. For a given system, at least $3/4$ of tests must show acceptable results. For example, if there is a failing test on a lot in a proposed tract/minor subdivision, three additional acceptable tests must be shown on that lot.
- b) Discuss possible sources of error or variability of results such as measurement accuracy, caving of test holes, one atypical location, etc. Siltation or caving of test holes may require special construction measures to prevent the soil absorption system from suffering the same fate. Discussed in Chapter 8 under *Recommendations*.

4.7 Design

General Criteria – Leach Lines

- a) For uniform soil units, use an MPI between mean and most conservative MPI(s), i.e., average MPI = 7, most conservative MPI = 9, design MPI = 8. If there are no uniform soil units, use the most conservative MPI for the entire area.
- b) Unless an area has been determined to have degraded groundwater by the RWQCB, there shall be a minimum of 5 feet of original soil between the bottom of the soil absorption system and groundwater.
- c) If a soil has a perc time less than 5 MPI, then the soil for a total thickness of five (5) feet below the bottom of a leach line to groundwater shall contain at least 15% of material passing the #200 U.S. standard sieve (and less than one fourth ($1/4$) of the representative soil cross-section shall be occupied by stones larger than 6"). Where this requirement is not met, a 40-foot separation shall be maintained below the bottom of the leach lines and the highest historic groundwater level based on recorded data or on observed mottling.
- d) Gallons per day are calculated per the most current addition of the California Plumbing Code (CPC).

4.8 Convert Percolation Times to Leach Lines Design Rates

- a) Leach Lines application rates for domestic sewage shall be converted to a design rate expressed in square feet of absorption area per 100 gallons of septic tank capacity.

5.1 Minimum Number of Tests for Seepage Pits

Proposed Project	Gross Lot Size	Soil Conditions		
		<i>Favorable</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>
Residential lot	N/A	2 test/lot*	3 test/lot*	4 test/lot*
Commercial lot, confluent systems under one ownership	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 tests/4,000* gallons tank capacity in sewage disposal area. 1 additional test per 2,000 gallons of tank capacity or fractional part thereof. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 tests/3,000* gallons tank capacity in sewage disposal area. 1 additional test per 2,000 gallons of tank capacity or fractional part thereof. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 tests/3,000* gallons tank capacity in sewage disposal area. 2 additional tests per 2,000 gallons of tank capacity or fractional part thereof.
Parcel Map	N/A	2 tests evenly spaced on the undivided parcel	3 tests evenly spaced on the undivided parcel	4 tests evenly spaced
Subdivisions Note: Individual lot sales require 100% testing	<1 acre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 tests first 10 lots 2 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 tests first 10 lots 3 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	1 test/lot*
	1 acre to 2.5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 tests first 10 lots 2 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 tests first 10 lots 4 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	1 test/lot*
	>2.5 acres to 5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 tests first 10 lots 3 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 tests first 10 lots 5 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	1 test/lot*
	>5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 tests for first 10 lots 4 tests for every 10 lots thereafter 	1 test/lot*	2 test/lot*

*In the general area of the disposal systems (primary and expansion), if known or where proposed.

5.2 Standard Testing for Seepage Pit: Falling Head Percolation Test Procedure

Test Holes – Seepage Pits

- a) Width - Holes are to be 6" to 8" in diameter. Exploratory borings may be backfilled at least 10 feet and used for testing. When backfilling, if soils are too coarse (less than 20% fines) mix top of backfill with driller’s mud or other material approved by EHS, cover with one (1) foot of gravel.
- b) Depth - Same as the depth estimated for the pit based on the soil log. If distinctly lower permeable stratum are found with higher permeable stratum within the test boring, the lower permeable stratum should be tested separately. Vary depths when unsure.

Note: Caving may invalidate the results in anticipated adverse areas of percolation, precautions, such as gravel packing or perforated piping should be used.

Presoak – Seepage Pit

a) **Same Day Testing:**

In very sandy soils, where the water on two (2) consecutive readings seeps faster than half the initial wetted depth in 30 minutes, testing may begin immediately.

b) **Next Day Testing:**

When soils do not meet the requirements for Same Day Testing, soak the hole and let it set overnight prior to testing.

Testing – Seepage Pit

a) After presoaking, carefully fill the hole with clear water until the water level is even with the surface of the ground. Refill to the surface for all but the last two (2) readings. The final refills shall be to the proposed depth of the inlet or a minimum of 4 feet below the ground surface.

- **Same Day Testing:** The time intervals shall be 10 minutes or shorter and measurements shall be taken for at least one additional hour until three consecutive readings do not vary by more than 10%. When gravel or perforated piping is used, then there must be four (4) consecutive readings where the water seeps faster than half the initial wetted depth in 30 minute intervals to compensate for the reduced water volume of each pre-soak.

- **Next Day Testing:** The perc rate measurements shall be made on the day following the soaking, not more than 26 hours after the pre-soak. From the reference point, measure the drop in water level over thirty minute periods for at least six hours. For the final two readings, read every 30 minutes without refilling and check for possible non-uniform absorption; measure how fast the water level continues to fall until it reaches the bottom or slows down. The Qualified Professional must determine if the minimum six hour testing should be extended for another 30 to 60 minutes.

b) Re-measure the depth of the hole with each reading to see if caving has occurred. Caving in excess of 15% of total depth may invalidate the results of shallow test holes.

5.3 Test Results for Seepage Pits

Tabulate all the final results, including all tests that failed to meet the standards. Provide copies of all the field data and calculations using the following format:

- a) Seepage Pit Test
 1. Boring number
 2. Diameter of hole (in feet)
 3. Presoak information including initial time and duration of presaturation.
 4. Depth (of bottom) below grade
 5. Strata peculiarities
 6. Name of tester
 7. Date tested
 8. Method to prevent sidewall caving: gravel packed perforated pipe or other.
 9. Provide numerical values for each of these parameters:

Parameter	Meaning	Value
$t_i =$	Initial time when filling or refilling is completed (in hours)	
$d_f =$	Final, end-time of fall (in hours)	
$t_f =$	Change in time (in hours) (example: .5 hours = 30 minutes)	
$\Delta t =$	Depth of water to bottom of test hole (in feet)	
$d_b =$	Depth to water surface at t_i (in feet)	
$d_i =$	Depth to water surface at t_f , (in feet)	
$D =$	Diameter of hole in feet	
$L_{avg} =$	Average length of water column	
$F =$	Change in depth	
Pit MPI =	Pit minutes per inch	
$\Pi =$	3.14 (π)	

Formulas to calculate parameter values for Seepage Pits

Formulas	
$L_{avg} = d_b - (d_i + d_f)/2$	*This goes into the formula to calculate Q
$F = d_f - d_i = \Delta d$	*This goes into the formula to calculate Q
$Q = (F \cdot D \cdot 9) / L_{avg} \cdot \Delta t$	Gallons of sewage (or septic tank capacity, whichever is greater) per square foot per day (g/sf/d).
Pit MPI =	$180/Q$

5.4 Discussion of Results

- a) Discuss the uniformity of the results in regards to the soil classification (favorable, moderate or severe) and percolation times obtained. Uniform is defined as 4 test results falling within + 1/4 of their mean percolation time.
- b) Based on boring/trenching data, discuss how the most restrictive layer below the disposal area was tested, or can be avoided by proper separation or design.
- c) Discuss possible sources of error or variability of results such as measurement accuracy, caving, one atypical location, etc. Siltation or caving of test holes may require special construction measures to prevent the soil absorption system from suffering the same fate. Interpret the results in light of the soils profile and the final readings. Do not rely solely on the formula results. The falling head test is not a suitable test procedure for markedly different strata, unless the strata are tested separately, or mounding analyses performed. This is discussed in Chapter 8 under *Recommendations*.

Note: At least 75% of tests must show acceptable results. For example, if there is a failing test on a lot three additional acceptable tests must be shown on that lot. More than the minimum number of tests may be necessary to meet this requirement.

5.5 Design

General Criteria – Seepage Pits

- a. For uniform soil units use Pit MPI, not Q, for averaging.
- b. Unless an area has been determined to have degraded groundwater by the RWQCB, there shall be a minimum of 10 feet of original soil between the bottom of the soil absorption system and groundwater.
- c. Fairly uniform coarse-textured soils (silty sands (SM) or more coarse) shall not be used for seepage pits when **all** of the following is present:
 - A “pit MPI” is **less** than 10,
 - Where a sieve analysis shows **less** than 15% fines passing the #200 U.S. standard sieve for a thickness of 10 feet, and
 - Separation to groundwater is **less** than 40 feet.
- d. Discuss the two year travel time evaluation for microbial contaminants for seepage pits greater than 20 feet below grade and the 600 foot separation from a public supply well cannot be met. See footnote 6 on setbacks, page 35. Basis for 100% passing - 3/8" sieve.
- e. The design Q for seepage pits must be > 1.1 g/sf/day of sewage, but < 4 g/sf/day. Q's greater than 4 g/sf/d will not be credited. Caving seepage pit test holes in coarse textured soils shall not be credited with rates greater than 3 g/sf/day.

5.6 Convert Q to Seepage Pit Design Rates

Seepage Pit Design Rate - Square feet (sf)/100 gallons septic tank capacity (gstc) or design flow (whichever is greater for larger flows).

1. Using the Q from the formula table in section 5.3, plug into the design rate formula

below: $1/Q \times 100 =$ sf/100 gstc

2. To find depth below inlet use the formula below:
Design depth below inlet = septic tank capacity / (Q•D•π)

Note: Depth below inlet shall be limited to tested depth for uniform soils or by groundwater. For soils with different strata, limit effective sidewall to most permeable soils.

6.1 Guidelines for Determining the Number of Bedrooms

1. Once the living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, bathrooms, and utility rooms have been established, all other rooms shall be considered as potential sleeping rooms. Dens, libraries, studies, weight rooms, game rooms, sewing rooms, workshops, lofts, etc., shall be determined as bedrooms.
2. All other habitable rooms totaling at least seventy (70) square feet in size are to be considered bedrooms suitable for sleeping purposes, regardless of whether or not they contain closets or have access to a bathroom.
3. Rooms that open to a living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, or entry way, and have a single, un-obstructive opening (no doors) with a minimum 50% opening of the total wall space (minimum 6' wide) with archways or other acceptable means shall not be considered as bedrooms.
4. Rooms that can only be accessed through another bedroom are to be considered part of that bedroom, such as master suite and not an additional bedroom.
5. In the case of an ambiguous situation, where it is not clear as to whether or not a room is a bedroom, the plans may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Department.
6. Any cases, which will require the relocation or modification of doorways, are to be reviewed and approved by Building and Safety to address any structural considerations such as load bearing walls. This is to be done prior to approval or sign-off by EHS

Utilize the chart for minimum septic tank size based on number of bedrooms:

Number of Bedrooms	Minimum Gallons of Septic Tank Capacity
1-2	750
3	1,000
4	1,200
5-6	1,500

6.2 Confluent Systems

- a) If leach lines or pits serve a common OWTS for two or more units, add 30% more square footage according to CPC Table H 201.1 (1) Multiple dwelling units.
- b) For laundromats, restaurants, and common systems serving mobile home parks or shopping centers (three or more retail shops): When a treatment tank volume is calculated for flows greater than 2000 gpd with Vol = .75 flow +1125. The dispersal area (square footage) will need to be multiplied by a factor of 2.5. Supplemental Treatment Systems are exempt from this requirement.

6.3 Credit for Alternating Fields

- a) A credit of 10% reduction in square footage may be given for installation of alternating leach fields or seepage pits (unless the consultant specifies otherwise).
- b) Single houses on lots less than 10,000 square feet in area or with leach fields on ground naturally sloping >30% with slope stability report may require alternating leach fields. The 100% expansion area may be used for one of the alternating leach fields.
- c) Alternating systems may be considered when future access or critical soils are limiting factors.

6.4 Special Soil Conditions

- a) Special soil conditions may require special consideration by the EHS and must be considered on a case-by-case basis, particularly in areas of high rainfall or in proximity to water sources.
- b) San Bernardino County is known to be crisscrossed with flood control channels, water infiltration basins, percolation ponds, tunnels, and pipelines which supply water to water districts. Special care must be taken in siting the disposal systems. Check with EHS during notification.
- c) Mottled soil - A mottled soil is marked with spots or blotches of contrasting color which is usually caused by saturation for some period during a normal year.

If this process has prevailed for significant periods over the recent geologic past, the resulting mottled soil colors can be readily observed.

Zones of seasonal or periodic soil saturation shall be estimated at the highest level of soil mottles. However, soil mottles can occur that are not due to zones of seasonal or periodic soil saturation; therefore, consult with EHS. The abundance, size, contrast and color of the soil mottles shall be described in the following manner: (except frozen soils and soils with rapid permeability).

Abundance shall be described as “few” if the mottled color occupies less than 2% of the exposed surface; “common” if the mottled color occupies from 2% to 20% of the exposed surface; or “many” if the mottled color occupies more than 20% of the exposed surface.

Size refers to the length of the mottle measured along the longest dimension and shall be described as fine if the mottle is less than 5 millimeters (mm); medium if the mottle is from 5-15 mm; or coarse if the mottle is greater than 15 mm.

Contrast refers to the difference in color between the soil mottle and the background color of the soil and is described as faint if the mottle is evident, but recognizable with close examination; distinct if the mottle is readily seen but not striking; or prominent if the mottle is obvious and one of the outstanding features of the horizon. The color(s) of the mottle(s) shall be indicated.

- d) A leach line test hole 12 inches in diameter may be used only when the soil texture is coarse and it is not feasible to dig or bore a standard diameter test hole. The MPI obtained with this larger diameter hole must be multiplied by the correction factor contained in the leach lines formula.
- e) Technical Modifications where sidewall soil materials may slough into the test hole during soaking, two techniques are applied: gravel packing and manual removal. For gravel packing, a perforated open-top cylinder is placed over the 2 inch layer of gravel at the bottom of the test hole. The cylinder is centered in the test hole. The 1 to 2 inch space between the sidewall of the hole and the cylinder is filled with loose, pea-sized gravel. The cylinder may be made out of a perforated piece of pipe, tin can, or hardware cloth. The measured water level drops must be corrected after calculating the effect of the gravel volume as stated in the leach line calculations.

6.5 Special Discharge Conditions

- a) Local hydrogeological conditions may necessitate more separation of the sewage disposal system for protection of special resources (drinking water supply, recreation areas, water storage reservoirs, lakes, etc.). Refer to pages 41-43 of the [LAMP](#).
- b) Fractured bedrock (not including decomposed granite) and impervious strata are not suitable for sewage disposal. Impervious means stratum with perc times of >120 MPI.
- c) The discharge of surface, rain, or other clear water into a sewage disposal system is prohibited.
- d) Wastewater streams from water treatment devices such as; water softeners and contaminant (nitrate, arsenic, fluoride, uranium, iron, etc.) removal devices shall not be discharged into a domestic OWTS. Discharge shall be by physical or manual removal to an approved disposal site.
- e) Discharge of toxic or hazardous chemicals to a domestic OWTS is prohibited.
- f) Industrial developments shall have individual monitoring ports for each unit connected to a

confluent sewage disposal system if there is a single owner of the development. Multi-owner industrial units (business park) shall have a separate system for each unit.

- g) Sand filters and grease interceptors/traps/removal devices will be considered on a case-by-case basis. High strength waste (>900 mg/L BOD₅) shall require supplement treatment and RWQCB approval.
- h) Greywater systems are not covered by the LAMP and must comply with CPC Chapter 15.

6.6 Alternative Treatment Systems

If it is determined that a conventional OWTS cannot meet the requirements of the LAMP then an Alternative/Advanced Treatment System is required. A separate proposal for the Alternative/Advanced Treatment System must be submitted to this office for review along with the required review fee according to the current Fee Schedule.

The proposal must be prepared by a Qualified Professional and contain all of the following:

- a) Alternative Treatment System Application.
- b) A copy of the approved Percolation Report.
- c) A description of the type of wastewater which will be discharged to the OWTS (i.e., domestic, commercial, high strength or industrial, see [LAMP](#) for complete definition).
- d) List of all materials and products that will be used to construct the system. This includes:
 - 1. All technical details/specifications,
 - 2. Information on how the system will be maintained per manufacturer specification,
 - 3. Procedures to ensure maintenance, repair, or replacement of critical items within 48 hours of failure, and
 - 4. Details of the visible or audible alarm, as well as a telemetric alarm that alerts the owner or owner's agent when there is a system failure or malfunction.
- e) Literature from the manufacturer showing the following:
 - 1. Total nitrogen in the effluent from the alternative treatment system meets a minimum 50 percent reduction in total nitrogen when comparing the 30-day average influent to the 30-day average effluent,
 - 2. The system can achieve a 30-day average effluent quality of 25 mg/L CBOD₅ and 30 mg/L TSS or less.
 - 3. Effluent has a fecal coliform bacteria concentration less than or equal to 200 Most Probable Number (MPN) per 100 milliliters (for systems near a body of water impaired for pathogens or where required by EHS or the RWQCB).
 - 4. NSF certifications.
- f) Define which treatment mode will be used, if the system has multiple treatment modes.
- g) Name and contact information for the approved service provider that will maintain the system.
- h) Name of the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program certified laboratory where the effluent water samples will be analyzed. The following are required to be sampled:
 - 1. Total Nitrogen
 - 2. CBOD₅
 - 3. TSS
- i) Effluent water sampling schedule or frequency. Effluent water sampling is required to be conducted quarterly for the first four quarters.

6.7 Alternative Sewage Disposal Options

- a) Pump systems - All proposals for pumping shall be detailed in the PERC report and shall be subject to EHS and Building & Safety approval. A pump system may be approved when it is determined that the proposal is a hardship as defined. Hardship conditions include:

- Salvaging an existing structure when an adequate disposal area cannot be reached by gravity flow.
- Allowing new house construction on an existing lot when there is absolutely no other alternative to pumping. This hardship consideration will be based on reasonable site development. The following information is required for review:
 - Percolation data
 - Pump data
 - Design of the pump chamber, to include a storage volume equal to 24 hours design flow, in the event of a power outage or a pump failure, or make provision for overflow to an adequately sized back-up gravity disposal area.
 - Alarm system design
 - Force main and backflow prevention design certified by American Water Works Association (AWWA) Grade II cross-connection specialist.
 - Design of a receiving chamber at the disposal site which allows the simulation of gravity flow to the disposal system. In all cases, gravity flow to the septic tank is required, such that only settled effluent is pumped from the pump chamber. All components shall comply with the latest edition of the CPC and California Building Code (CBC) standards.
- b) Where site conditions are such that individual septic systems are not feasible for the proposed development, the use of a multiple ownership septic system may be used, complying with the San Bernardino County Code, Title 3, Chapter 8, Article 7, and may require RWQCB Water Discharge Requirements.
- c) Utilization of supplemental treatment systems and/or alternative dispersal systems may be utilized on or off site for those developments which can comply with the LAMP. A percolation report will be required for all developments. Siting of the system and the design of the treatment system shall meet EHS and Building & Safety standards on a case by case basis. The alternative treatment system shall be under the control of: 1) a public entity or 2) serviced on a regular basis by qualified, certified service provider. The conditions of approval and any required monitoring shall be part of the property's recorded deed. An annual permit to operate will be required. See appendix J for NSF International ATU reference.
- d) If a site is unsuitable for standard leach lines or seepage pits, see Appendix J: Suggested References for links to guidelines for designing mounds, Evapotranspiration systems or drip systems. EHS will follow the State Guidelines contained therein.

- 7.1** Plot system and 100% expansion area, show existing and potential structures, wells, streams, etc. Include contours, significant vegetation (including trees), rock outcropping, location of all borings and tests, and the proposed building pad.
- Draw tested property to scale:
Single Family Home, Small Commercial..... Minimum 1" = 30'
Parcel Map, Subdivision, Large Commercial..... Minimum 1" = 40'
- 7.2** For lot sales zoned for single family homes (lot sale subdivisions) show a hypothetical system for a five (5) bedroom home on each and every lot; if zoned for multi-unit development, show a hypothetical system sufficient for the effluent discharged by an average of three bedrooms per unit. If wells are proposed for each lot, show that every lot can be built meeting all set-back requirements.
- 7.3** Where grading is expected, include original and finished elevations. If the grading plan was prepared by others, comment as it regards the recommendations set forth in the report. If grading is unknown, include qualifying statements in area(s) for the primary and expansion systems (see 3.1).
- 7.4** The proposed dwelling/development shall be located so that the initial subsurface sewage disposal system and the required 100% expansion area shall function by gravity flow unless otherwise approved.
- 7.5** All designed system's construction details are subject to review by EHS and approval by Building & Safety. Minimum conventional construction details are to be found in the currently adopted California Plumbing Code. Advanced Treatment system details must conform to the Local Agency Management Program.
- 7.6** Commercial projects: The required capacity of the septic tank is based upon the project and must comply with Table H 201.1(1) (for fixture unit count), Table H 201.1(2) (for estimated waste/sewer flow rates), section 422.1 (fixture units) of the CPC and Table 1004.1.2 (for occupancy) of the CBC.

Chapter Eight: General Recommendations

The following recommendations are provided to assist in preparing a Soil Percolation Report.

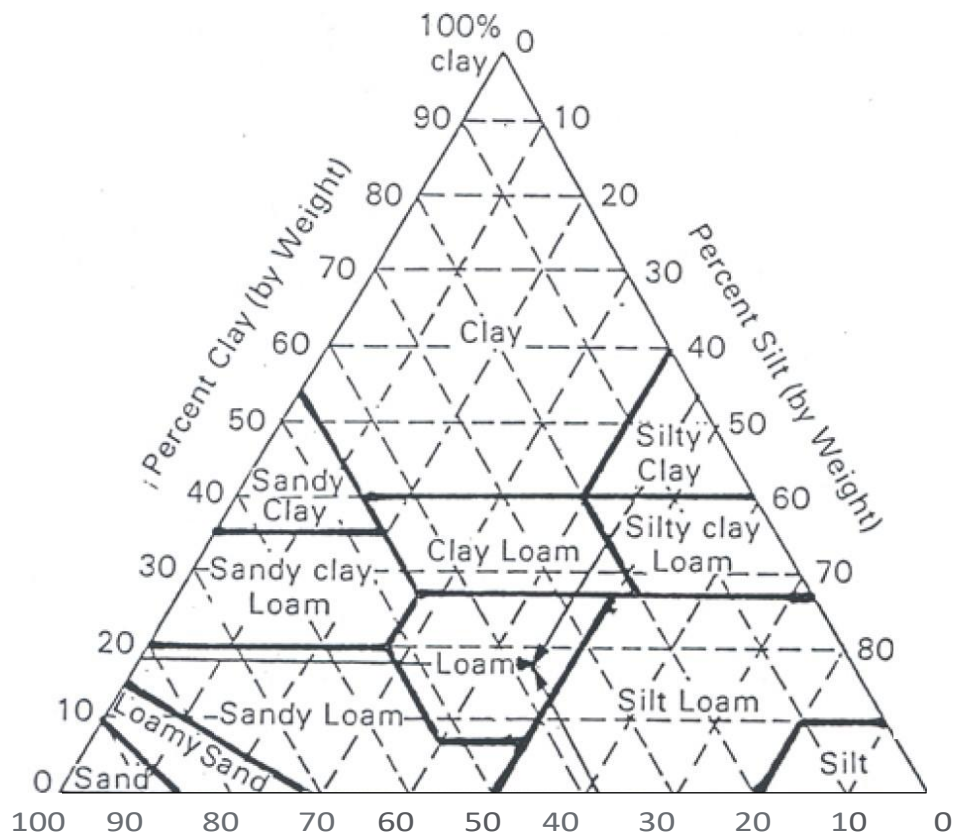
- 8.1 State whether each lot has sufficient area to support an individual sewage disposal system that will meet EHS standards for the use intended. Include a qualifying statement if swimming pools, building expansions, etc. are or may be allowed; also if grading must be restricted, or if grading plans must be reviewed prior to grading, and installation inspected after grading by soils consultant, or if special construction techniques are required.
- 8.2 Discuss sewage mounding if lots are to be developed commercially or industrially with flows of 1500 gpd or greater and/or as determined necessary under Seepage Pit Design. In addition, for commercial and industrial discharges, discuss the OWTS ability to adequately treat harmful waste constituents prior to entering the groundwater if other than sanitary wastes may be discharged. Indicate if a special treatment process study should be done after the exact nature of the discharge(s) has been determined. Provide source of sewage mounding modeling.

EHS recommends that preparers provide the following information to property owners.

- 8.3 The EHS septic system handout [*Taking Care of Your Septic System*](#) can be obtained by the owner/developer, or a copy can be provided in submitted percolation report for conventional OWTS.

APPENDIX

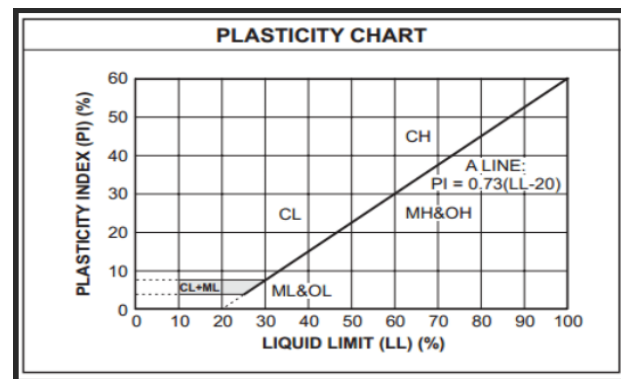
**Textural Triangle Defining Twelve Textural Classes of the USDA
(Illustrated For A Sample Containing 37% Sand, 45% Silt, And 18% Clay)**



UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION (ASTM D-2487-98)

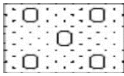
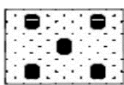
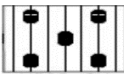
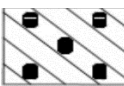
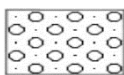

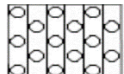
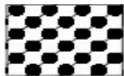
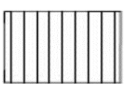





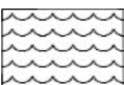
MATERIAL TYPES	CRITERIA FOR ASSIGNING SOIL GROUP NAMES			GROUP SYMBOL	GROUP NAME
COARSE GRAINED SOILS MORE THAN 50% RETAINED ON OR ABOVE NO. 200 (0.075MM) SIEVE	<u>GRAVEL</u> > 50% OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED ON NO.4 (4.75 MM) SIEVE	CLEAN GRAVEL <5% SMALLER THAN No.200 SIEVE	$CU \geq 4$ AND $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$	GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVEL, FINE TO COARSE GRAVEL
			$CU < 4$ AND/OR $Cc < 1$ OR $Cc > 3$	GP	POORLY GRADED GRAVEL
		GRAVEL WITH >12% FINES	FINES CLASSIFY AS ML OR MH	GM	SILTY GRAVEL
			FINES CLASSIFY AS CL OR CH	GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL
	<u>SAND</u> $\geq 50\%$ OF COARSE FRACTION PASSES NO.4 (4.75 MM) SIEVE	CLEAN SAND	$CU \geq 6$ AND $1 \leq Cc \leq 3$	SW	WELL-GRADED SAND, FINE TO COARSE SAND
			$CU < 6$ AND/OR $Cc < 1$ OR $Cc > 3$	SP	POORLY GRADED SAND
		SAND WITH >12% FINES	FINES CLASSIFY AS ML OR MH	SM	SILTY SAND
			FINES CLASSIFY AS CL OR CH	SC	CLAYEY SAND
FINE GRAINED SOILS 50% OR MORE PASSING THE NO.200 (0.075 MM) SIEVE	<u>SILT AND CLAY LIQUID LIMIT < 50</u>	INORGANIC	$PI > 7$ AND PLOTS ON OR ABOVE "A" LINE	CL	CLAY OF LOW PLASTICITY, LEAN CLAY
			$PI < 4$ AND PLOTS BELOW "A" LINE	ML	SILT
		ORGANIC	LIQUID LIMIT—OVEN DRIED < 0.75	OL	ORGANIC CLAY
			LIQUID LIMIT—NOT DRIED	OL	ORGANIC SILT
	SILT AND CLAY LIQUID LIMIT ≥ 50	INORGANIC	PI PLOTS ON OR ABOVE "A" LINE	CH	CLAY OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAY
			PI PLOTS BELOW "A" LINE	MH	SILT OF HIGH <u>PLASTICITY</u> , <u>ELASTIC</u> SILT
		ORGANIC	LIQUID LIMIT—OVEN DRIED < 0.75	OH	ORGANIC CLAY
			LIQUID LIMIT - NOT DRIED	OH	ORGANIC SILT
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS			PT	PEAT	

PENETRATION RESISTANCE (RECORDED AS BLOWS/0.5FT)				
SAND & GRAVEL		SILT & CLAY		
RELATIVE DENSITY	BLOWS/FOOT	CONSISTENCY	BLOWS/FOOT	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (TSF)
VERY LOOSE	0 - 4	VERY SOFT	0 - 2	0 - 0.25
LOOSE	4 - 10	SOFT	2 - 4	0.25 - 0.50
MEDIUM DENSE	10 - 30	FIRM	4 - 8	0.50 - 1.0
DENSE	30 - 50	STIFF	8 - 15	1.0 - 2.0
VERY DENSE	OVER 50	VERY STIFF	15 - 30	2.0 - 4.0
		HARD	OVER 30	OVER 4.0



* Number of blows of 140lb hammer falling 30in to drive a 2in O.D (1-3/8 in I.O) split barrel. Sample the last 12in of a 15in drive (ASTM-1586 standard penetration test).

ADDITIONAL TESTS	
CA- CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (CORROSIVITY)	(200)- (WITH PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE)
CD- CONSOLIDATED DRAINED TRIAXIAL	SW- SWELL TEST
CN- CONSOLIDATION	TC- CYCLIC TRIAXIAL
CU- CONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	TV- TORVANE SHEAR
DS- DIRECT SHEAR	UC- UNCONFINED COMPRESSION
PP- POCKET PENETROMETER (TSF)	(1.5)- (WITH SHEAR STRENGTH IN KSF)
(3.0)- (WITH SHEAR STRENGTH KSF)	UU- UNCONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL
RV- R-VALUE	WA- WASH ANALYSIS
SA- SIEVE ANALYSIS % PASSING #200 SIEVE - WATER LEVEL (WITH DATE OF) MEASUREMENT	(200%)- (WITH % PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE)

Major Divisions 1 2		Letter 3	Symbol		Name 6
			Hatching 4	Color 5	
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	GRAVEL AND GRAVELY SOILS	GW		RED	Well-graded gravels or gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		GP			Poorly-graded gravels or gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		GM		YELLOW	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures
		GC			Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures
	SAND AND SANDY SOILS	SW		RED	Well-graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines
		SP			Poorly-graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines
		SM		YELLOW	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures
		SC			Clayey sands, sand-silt mixtures
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS LL<50	ML		GREEN	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty, or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity
		CL			Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays
		OL			Organic silts and organic silt-clays if low plasticity
	SILTS AND CLAYS LL>50	MH		BLUE	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts
		CH			Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays
		OH			Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Pt		ORANGE	Peat and other highly organic soils	

Appendix Figure C: Design Soil Application Rates

Soil Texture (per the USDA soil classification system)	Soil Structure Shape	Grade	Maximum Soil Application Rate (gallons per day per square foot) ¹
Coarse Sand, Sand, Loamy Coarse Sand, Loamy Sand	Single Grain	Structureless	0.8
Fine Sand, Very Fine Sand, Loamy Fine Sand, Loamy Very Fine Sand	Single Grain	Structureless	0.4
Coarse Sandy Loam, Sandy Loam	Massive	Structureless	0.2
	Platy	Weak	0.2
		Moderate, Strong	Prohibited
	Prismatic Blocky Granular	Weak	0.4
Moderate, Strong		0.6	
Fine Sandy Loam, Very Fine Sandy Loam	Massive	Structureless	0.2
	Platy	Weak, Moderate Strong	Prohibited
		Weak	0.2
	Prismatic, Blocky, Granular	Moderate, Strong	0.4
Massive		Structureless	0.2
Loam	Platy	Weak, Moderate Strong	Prohibited
		Weak	0.4
	Prismatic, Blocky, Granular	Moderate, Strong	0.6
		Massive	Structureless
Silt Loam	Platy	Weak, Moderate Strong	Prohibited
		Weak	0.4
	Prismatic, Blocky, Granular	Moderate, Strong	0.6
		Massive	Structureless
Sandy Clay Loam, Clay Loam, Silty Clay Loam	Platy	Weak, Moderate Strong	Prohibited
		Weak	0.2
	Prismatic, Blocky, Granular	Moderate, Strong	0.4
		Massive	Structureless
Sandy Clay, Clay, or Silty Clay	Platy	Weak, Moderate Strong	Prohibited
		Weak	Prohibited
	Prismatic, Block, Granular	Moderate, Strong	0.2

Appendix D: Liquid Waste Disposal Systems

The minimum requirements for the installation of new sewage disposal systems for either new or existing structures shall generally be as follows:

A. Minimum Separations

1. Septic tank to:

Septic Tank to:	Feet
Water supply well	100
Buildings or structures	5
Property line adjoining private property	5
Perennial streams ²	50
Ephemeral streams ³	50
Large trees ⁴	10
Seepage pits or disposal fields	5
Private domestic water lines (building service lines)	5
Public domestic water lines (water purveyor's line)	25
Groundwater	5

Soil Absorption System to:	Feet
Domestic supply well - 100, 150, or 200 ft. depending on whether system has a:	
• Leaching field	100
• Seepage pit	150
• Any system discharging 5,000 gallons/day or more	200
Public Water Supply Wells - Dispersal system:	
• Does not exceed 10 feet	150
• Exceeds 10 to 20 feet	200
• Exceeds 20 feet ⁶	600
Building or structures	8
Property line adjoining private property (leach lines)	5
Property line adjoining private property (seepage pits)	8
Colorado River/Mojave River	200
Septic tank	5
Distribution box	5
Private domestic water line (building service line)	5
Public domestic water line (water purveyor's line)	25
Seepage pit	10
Ground surface on sloping ground (When disposal fields and/or seepage pits are installed in sloping ground, the minimum horizontal distance between any part of the leaching system and ground surface shall be 15 feet.) Also see page 29.	15
Lakes, water reservoirs	200

2. Soil absorption system to:

3. The minimum separations listed herein are largely derived from the California Plumbing Code. In some cases, additions or changes have been made in order to adequately protect water quality and the public health. Where differences exist, the greater separation prevails unless specifically waived for cause by EHS.

Footnotes:

- 1 Includes porches and steps whether covered or uncovered, breezeways, roofed porte-cocheres, roofed patios, carports, covered walls, covered driveway, and similar structures or appurtenances.
- 2 A listing of perennial streams will be maintained by EHS. See pages 37-38.
- 3 An ephemeral stream/drainage course is any stream not listed as a perennial stream by the EHS (see Footnote 2). To determine where the setback restrictions should be applied, the USGS Maps are used as a guide. If a stream is designated on the USGS Map by a blue dash/dotted line, the setback requirements must be met. If not shown, but there is obvious visual evidence of water flow, the setback is determined by the topography and the geology of the proposed site, but is not less than 25'. **Distances are measured from the edge of the channel or assumed 0 to 100 year flow.**
- 4 Any tree with a trunk diameter of one foot or more within 5 feet of the system that will not be removed during construction.
- 5 The highest known level to which groundwater is known to have occurred rather than the level at the time when testing occurred.
- 6 Dispersal systems which exceed 20 feet in depth and are located within 600 feet of a municipal well (any public water supply well) will be required to have the consultant evaluate the two year travel time for microbial contaminants to determine required setback. In no case will the setback to less than 200 feet.

Appendix E: Daylight Requirements

Any portion of the disposal field located to the top of a cut or on sloping ground shall maintain a 15 foot horizontal distance from daylight to any portion of the leach lines or leach bed. The table gives the minimum cover required versus the percent of slope in the area of the disposal field to meet the 15 foot requirement. This table also gives a factor “f” by which to increase the length of the trench due to the assumed loss in evapotranspiration caused by the added cover.

Slope of the Ground in the Area of the Disposal System	Minimum Cover Over the Drain Lines	f
5%	1.00 ft	1.0
10%	1.50 ft.	1.0
15%	2.25 ft	1.0
20%	3.00 ft.	1.0
25%	3.75 ft.	1.1
30%	4.50 ft.	1.2
35%	5.25 ft.	1.3
40%	6.00 ft.	1.4
45%	7.00 ft.	1.5

Slopes greater than 30% require a slope stability report and will be reviewed by the county geologist.

Note: If, for design purposes, additional cover is required over drain lines (e.g.; below fill or a restrictive strata with >120 MPI), the cover factor is still applicable.

Appendix F: Special Considerations for Absorption Field Placement in Sloping Ground

1. If ground slope is > 30%, any portion of an absorption field (except solid pipe) shall be a minimum of 10 feet (horizontally) from the downslope property line(s). It is the report preparer’s responsibility to certify that this minimum is applied or expanded if the slope is less than or equal to 30%, but the soil conditions are such that a basement or curtain drain already built 5 feet downslope from the lower property line(s) may be affected by sewage effluent. Show setback on plot.
2. The minimum horizontal distance between any portion of an absorption field (except solid pipe) and an exposed downward sloping impermeable stratum or bedrock in “cut” slope shall be 50 feet. It is the report preparer’s responsibility to make recommendations so that systems do not daylight. It is the owner/contractor(s) responsibility to install systems per the recommendations. The consultant may wish to inspect installations to be assured that recommendations are followed. Consultants may choose to make this a requirement of approval. Upon presentation of pertinent engineering data, the REHS may stipulate this requirement.

Appendix G: Gravel Packing Corrections

If gravel packing was used, correct rates for the effect of the gravel volume. Show in detail measurements of the gravel volume and the calculations. The following method for calculating percent gravel voids in the field is recommended:

1. Fill 23½ oz. cylindrical tin can "A" with gravel. The gravel should be loose and not compacted, like the gravel in the test hole. Do not shake the can.* If the gravel is fine (pea size), fill with water and then drain thoroughly.
2. Fill another identical can "B" with water;
3. Pour can "B" into can "A" until water barely drips out of its rim (no spillages).

Percent gravel void is equal to height of water missing in B divided by total height of can, multiplied by 100. Add formula correction factor to seepage pit or leach line design as a multiplier.

$$\text{Correction Factor Formula} = [1 + P (C^2 - 1)] / C^2$$

$$C = r_2 / r_1$$

r_2 = radius of hole

r_1 = radius of pipe

P = % of voids

Another method for gravel packing corrections is by weighing the can with gravel, with gravel + water and with water using the formula below. This method does not require two identical cans.

1. A = weight of empty can
2. B = weight of the can filled with water
3. Empty water from can and fill with gravel (wet or dry as in other method)
4. C = weight of can with gravel
5. Fill gravel-packed can with water to top;
6. D = weight of can with water and gravel
7. Calculate the gravel correction factor using the following equation

$$P = \frac{(D-C)}{[B-A]}$$

Note: If during field testing the gravel in the test hole is observed to compact, shake the can.

Appendix H: Perennial Streams of San Bernardino County

The following list of streams has been provided to the RWQCB. These are the streams which the RWQCB consider to be wholly or in part perennial. The list may be amended from time to time in order to reflect new information as it becomes known to EHS.

- A. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board # 6)
 - 1. East Fork of the West Fork of the Mojave River
 - 2. Seeley Canyon Creek
 - 3. Houston Creek
 - 4. Deep Creek
 - 5. Holcomb Creek
 - 6. Hooks Creek
 - 7. Shale Creek
 - 8. Crab Creek
 - 9. Little Bear Creek (Lake Arrowhead Dam to confluence with Deer Creek)
 - 10. Salt Creek (North of Baker, California)
 - 11. Heath Canyon Creek
 - 12. Swarthout Creek
 - 13. Sheep Creek (North of Highway 2)

- B. California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board # 7)
 - 1. Colorado River
 - 2. Whitewater River
 - 3. San Gorgonio River
 - 4. Pinto Creek
 - 5. Copper Basin Creek
 - 6. Arrastre Creek

- C. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board # 8)
 - 1. Santa Ana River - Reach 6 (Above confluence with Bear Creek)
 - a. Deer Creek
 - b. Hamilton Creek
 - c. Wildhorse Creek
 - d. Cienaga Seca Creek
 - e. Coon Creek
 - f. Fish Creek
 - g. Lost Creek
 - h. South Fork - Santa Ana River
 - i. Frog Creek
 - j. Barton Creek (east and west forks)
 - k. Forsee Creek
 - l. Schneider Creek
 - m. Gold Creek
 - 2. Mill Creek (above upper powerhouse)
 - a. Mountain Home Creek
 - b. Monkey Face Creek
 - c. Alger Creek
 - d. Falls Creek
 - e. Vivian Creek
 - 3. Oak Glen Creek (above Oak Glen)
 - a. Birch Creek
 - 4. Bear Creek
 - a. North Fork - Bear Creek
 - b. Grout Creek

- c. Caribou Creek
- d. Rathbone Creek
- e. Metcalf Creek
- f. Kidd Creek
- g. Siberia Creek
- 5. Lytle Creek (above upper powerhouse)
 - a. Middle Fork - Lytle Creek
- 6. Devil Canyon Creek (east and west forks above power plant)
- 7. Cajon Creek (above Keenbrook)
- 8. Waterman Canyon Creek
- 9. City Creek (above gaging stations)
 - a. West Fork - City Creek
 - b. East Fork - City Creek
 - c. Middle Fork - City Creek
- 10. Plunge Creek (above gaging stations)
 - a. Little Mill Creek
 - b. Fredalba Creek
- 11. Alder Creek (tributary to Santa Ana Reach 5)
 - a. Middle Fork - Alder Creek
 - b. Hemlock Creek
 - c. Keller Creek
- 12. East Twin Creek (above gaging stations)
 - a. Strawberry Creek
- 13. East Etiwanda Creek (within National Forest)
- 14. Day Canyon Creek (above gaging station)
- 15. Cucamonga Creek (above gaging station)
- 16. San Antonio Creek (1 mile above community of Mt. Baldy)
 - a. Ice House Canyon Creek
- 17. Chino Creek (from confluence with Santa Ana River to Pine Avenue)
- 18. Carbon Canyon

Appendix I: Suggested References

California Plumbing Code (CPC) – San Bernardino County follows the guidelines as stated in this Code.
<http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/2016CaliforniaPlumbingCode.aspx>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidelines - This site has recommendations on how to take care of a septic system.
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-06/documents/2004_07_07_septics_septic_2002_osdm_all.pdf

Evapotranspiration Guidelines - State of California Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) has guidelines on evapotranspiration systems.
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/general/docs/evapotranspiration-1980.pdf

Geoflow drip irrigation - EHS follows the guidelines as outlined on this site for drip irrigation.
<http://geoflow.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Geoflow-Design-Manual-Oct-2007.pdf>

AB885 SWRCB OWTS policy
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts_policy.pdf

National Sanitation Foundation International Advanced Wastewater Treatment System- List of manufactures that meet Standard 40, 245, or 350. <http://info.nsf.org/Certified/Wastewater/>

San Bernardino County Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) - The program for the review and approval of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS).
<http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2017/08/San-Bernardino-County-LAMP.pdf>

State Mound System Guidelines (1998) – The SWRCB guidelines on mound systems.
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/general/docs/guidelines-mound-systems-1980.pdf

SWRCB - Provides links to all nine of the region basin plans. San Bernardino County is within Regions 6, 7, and 8 for a map refer to the LAMP. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/

EPA- Design manuals for OWTS that are useful in the planning and implementation of OWTS systems.
[United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1980 Design Manuals-](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-06/documents/septic_1980_osdm_all.pdf)
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-06/documents/septic_1980_osdm_all.pdf

[United States Environmental Protection Agency - 2002 Design Manuals- Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems.](#)



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