



# Rice County Septic Tank Pumping Certificate

Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of pumping \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

- Purpose:
- Compliance Inspection
  - Routine Pumping
  - Existing tank-new STS
  - Holding tank
  - Alarm present & functioning

Septic Tank Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

Inlet Baffle:

Compartments:  One  Two

Material \_\_\_\_\_

Septic Tank Construction:

Intact?  Yes  No

Concrete  Plastic

Replaced?  Yes  No

Fiberglass  Metal

Outlet Baffle:

Gallons removed \_\_\_\_\_

Material \_\_\_\_\_

Intact?  Yes  No

Replaced?  Yes  No

Separate Pumping Certificate Form for each Tank

additional tanks  Yes  No

Tank pumped through:

Maintenance access

\*Inspection pipe

**\*Tank automatically deemed a Cesspool if Pumped/Inspected through inspection pipe for a Compliance Inspection.**

*MPCA Rules 7083.0770; Pumper must obtain a signed statement if owner refuses to allow pumping through maintenance hole*

Diameter of maintenance access: \_\_\_\_\_"

Manway covers replaced securely?  Yes  No

Access:  within 12"  at surface

Inspection pipes present?

Yes - Inlet / Outlet / Center

Yes on: Inlet / Outlet / Center

No  added to: Inlet / Outlet / Center

No added to: Inlet / Outlet / Center

Filter/Screen  Yes  cleaned /  No

Identify any safety concerns/repairs: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider any of the above safety concerns an **Imminent Threat to Public Health-Safety?**  No  Yes

The Tank  DOES /  DOES NOT appear Watertight as of today's date

Tank leakage observed below operating depth?  No  Yes = Cesspool/Non-Compliant

Tank leakage observed above operating depth?  No  Yes = requires repairs

Disposal method:  Municipal Facility \_\_\_\_\_ STS Drain-back?  Yes  No

Land application site# \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify with my signature as a MPCA-licensed Maintainer that I personally made the observations recorded on this form for the property stated above and that they are accurate as of the date signed to the best of my knowledge.*

Maintainer name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

MPCA license number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Maintainer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this record to the homeowner and local unit of government within 15 days of pumping/inspection

## PUMPING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

A Minnesota state licensed Maintainer (pumper) must be contracted to perform an inspection on all tank(s) as a requirement for a Compliance Inspection. The Maintainer will then make a determination of the tank(s) condition and complete the applicable Rice County/MPCA Pumping Certificate forms for attachment to the Compliance Inspection Report.

*The tank(s) maintenance access (not just the 4" pipe) must be accessible within 12 inches of the ground surface for pumping or the pumping or an inspection cannot be performed.*

### **All tank(s) must be pumped through the Maintenance Access not through the inspection pipe**

This is necessary to perform the Tank(s) Inspection:

1. The size of tank(s) in gallons
2. The condition of all tank(s) for being watertight and not leaking
3. To verify the presence and condition of the inlet and outlet baffles
4. To remove the entire solids accumulation in the tank
5. To determine any other safety/health issues present

*Therefore:*

**\*If the tank(s) integrity cannot be determined via a proper inspection, Rice County shall automatically determine the tank(s) condition as being unacceptable/cesspool and the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) will be deemed Non-Compliant.**

***\*Compliance Inspection reports are required to reflect this determination***

- If the tank(s) were pumped within the past year, the licensed Maintainer (pumper) may agree to complete and submit a Pumping Certificate based upon such.
- The tank(s) inspection/pumping may be performed before or after the inspection on the drainfield portion of the system
- If you do not know how much soil cover is over the top of the tank, the Inspector could probe it for you or if there's an inspection pipe on the tank, you could get an indication of how deep the tank is by measuring from the surface down to the liquid level in the tank.

*Work must be completed by a Minnesota-licensed contractor. Please ensure that your contractor is currently licensed. A complete listing of all current Minnesota licensed contractors may be obtained in the Rice County Planning and Zoning office or website [www.co.rice.mn.us](http://www.co.rice.mn.us) or by contacting the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (651)297-1605 [www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists).*

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