

Appendix R: Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7080

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7080.0010 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

The improper location, design, installation, use, and maintenance of individual sewage treatment systems adversely affects the public health, safety, and general welfare by discharge of inadequately treated sewage to the ground surface, surface waters, and ground waters. In accordance with the authority granted in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 103F, 103G, 115, and 116, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, hereinafter referred to as the agency, does hereby provide the minimum standards and criteria for individual sewage treatment systems. The agency offers these standards to reasonably protect surface water, ground water, and promote public health, safety, and general welfare.

This chapter does not address facilities discharging animal waste or wastewater that may contain hazardous materials. Industrial wastewater treatment systems receiving nonhazardous wastes and systems serving facilities not classified as dwellings are regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as Class V injection wells under Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, parts 144 and 146. These federal regulations along with this chapter cover systems serving other establishments and systems serving more than 20 persons.

It is the intent of this chapter to provide clear, reliable, and cost-effective technical standards and criteria; to provide a framework for permitting and inspection programs administered at the local level; and to describe the responsibilities, licensing, and enforcement requirements for individual sewage treatment system professionals. All counties must adopt and enforce individual sewage treatment system ordinances that comply with this chapter unless all towns and cities in the county have adopted complying ordinances. The technical portions of this chapter are based on sound research and practical field applications to achieve adequate sewage treatment. In conjunction with these minimum standards, the agency encourages the use of advanced treatment methods and waste reduction to further reduce the discharge of contaminants.

In addition, this chapter establishes programs for licensing businesses and training and registering ISTS professionals.

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