SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT

This report is not a state form. SCDES says S.C. law "does not require property owners to have existing systems inspected," though some towns "require their local residents to have their septic systems inspected regularly." SCDES does not inspect systems on request. Part names follow SCDES Regulation 61-56 and its Maintenance Record (CR-009824).

Street address	City	County	ZIP code	Inspection date

Client(s)	Phone	Email

Septic company	Phone	Email

Company address	Inspector	SCDES license

1 System and permit

Permit number	TMS number	Year installed	Bedrooms	Water supply

Drainfield type: ☐ Conventional trenches ☐ Shallow trenches ☐ Ultra-shallow trenches ☐ Mound ☐ Bed ☐ Other: _____

Records reviewed: ☐ Permit to Construct ☐ Approval to Operate ☐ Final Inspection (DES 4432) ☐ Maintenance Record ☐ Pumping receipts ☐ None found

House at inspection: ☐ Occupied ☐ Vacant

Local inspection rule: _____

2 Septic tank

Mark each item: I = Inspected, NI = Not inspected, NP = Not present, D = Deficient.

Tank material	Capacity (gallons)	Compartments	Sludge depth (in.)	Scum layer (in.)	Liquid depth (in.)

I	NI	NP	D		
☐	☐	☐	☐	Lids and risers	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Building sewer to the tank	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Inlet tee or baffle	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Compartment wall	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Outlet tee	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Effluent filter	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Tank walls and top	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Liquid level	

Pumping: ☐ Pumped at this inspection ☐ Not pumped

Licensed pumper/hauler: _____ License no.: _____ Gallons removed: _____

3 Pump tank and controls

I	NI	NP	D		
☐	☐	☐	☐	Pump tank lid and riser	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Pump and floats	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Control panel	
☐	☐	☐	☐	High water alarm	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Electrical connections	

4 Drainfield

Location: _____

Number of trenches	Trench length (ft)	Drainfield dimensions (ft)

I	NI	NP	D		
☐	☐	☐	☐	Distribution box	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Trench lines, probed	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Surfacing effluent, wet spots, or odor	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Vegetation and cover	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Site drainage and downspouts	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Driveways or structures over it	

5 Setbacks measured

Distance in feet	Building	Private well	Public well	Critical area or water	Drainage ditch	Inground pool	Property line
Tank							
Drainfield							

Minimum distances for a new system are in R.61-56 § 200.6. An older system was permitted under the rules of its day. These distances are approximate and are not a survey.

6 Findings and recommendations

Result: ☐ No deficiencies found ☐ Deficiencies listed below

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Among licensed installers, only Tier 2 and Tier 3 may repair an existing system. Tier 1 “is not authorized to conduct repairs on existing onsite wastewater systems” (R.61-56 § 101). Pumping takes a pumper/hauler licensed by SCDES (R.61-56 § 600.1).

7 Inspector’s statement

This report describes the system as the inspector found it on the inspection date. It is not a warranty that the system will keep working. Parts that stayed buried, and the soil under the drainfield, were not inspected.

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Inspector signature Date