



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

BOARD OF HEALTH

TOWN HALL - 10 CENTRAL STREET

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June 21, 2023

Sarah Tanksley
15 Forster Road
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NOTIFICATION TO OWNER

Upon receipt of the Title 5 Inspection Report for the onsite sewage disposal system at:

Property Address: **15 FORSTER ROAD, MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA**

Property Owner: MARTINEZ, RAMON E. and TANKSLEY, SARAH

Licensed Title 5 Inspector: Timothy Gannon, Wind River Environmental SI# 14511

The Title 5 Inspection Report dated 5/4/2023, revised on 6/20/2023, states the system **PASSES**.


NOTES: The Board of Health Agent requested the internal pump system be located and observed by the Plumbing Inspector and the Title 5 Inspector. They report the dual grinder pump located below the basement level is appropriately installed and operational to the best of their professional assessment. No alarm is installed. No direct access to the internal pumps is available.

The Title 5 Inspector located the drinking water well for 15 Forster Rd. near the "chix coop" 119 feet away from pit 2 and located the drinking water well for 17 Forster Rd. on the far side of the driveway 125 feet away from pit 2.

The design flow corresponds to the Board of Health file for the property. No drinking water quality testing is on file at the Board of Health. The septic tank was not pumped as part of the inspection.

The Board of Health DID NOT find the septic system, as it is now used, to constitute a danger to the public health and subsequently did not order its repair/replacement at this time.

Reviewing Board of Health Agent:


Wendy Hansbury RS, Public Health Director

THIS INSPECTION reflects the present condition of the sanitary disposal system and is not any guarantee as to the life or future condition of said system. A passing Title 5 Inspection Report with pump receipts for three years within each calendar year may be used for sale of property. (Explanation: If there is a potential that your home will be sold within three years, you MUST have the septic tank pumped once a year, within a year of the date of the approved Title 5 Inspection Report for each of the three years. This allows the sale to occur with the use of the pumping reports and annual receipts abates the need for a "Title 5 System Inspection" for a property transfer within three years of the passing inspection, otherwise a passing Title 5 Inspection Report is only good for two years.)



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NOTIFICATION TO OWNER – ACTION REQUIRED

Upon receipt of the Title 5 Inspection Report for the onsite sewage disposal system at:

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Property Owner:

Licensed Title 5 Inspector:

The Title 5 Inspection Report dated:

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5/4/2023

The following deficiencies were noted from the above referenced report:

- This report was not received by the Approving Authority within 30 days of the field inspection.
- The location of the SAS was not determined by existing information or in the field (p. 6).
- The design flow noted does not match the design plan on file with the Board of Health.
- The well location for the property was not located.
- The well location for the easement property (17 Forster Rd.) was not located.
- The existing grinder pump and the force main pipe are not located.
- The existing grinder pump, and associated floats and alarms, were not inspected.

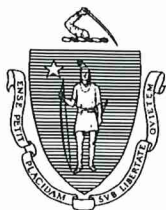
Further action is required:

- 310 CMR 15.302(2) requires the following:
 - The existing grinder pump, associated floats and alarms, and the force main are considered integral to the function of the septic system and are required to be located and inspected as part of the report.
 - Because the pump is located inside the building, make an appointment to meet with the Plumbing Inspector, Dave Preen, on site to conduct the inspection.
 - Location of the wells for both properties to be determined in relation to system components is to be provided in the report.
 - The correct design flow, as shown on the original design plan, is to be noted on the report.
 - Provide the information on how the location of the SAS was determined.

Provide a revised Title 5 Inspection Report within 30 days of this notice or prior to the sale of the property, whichever is soonest. Please contact the Board of Health office with any questions.

Reviewing Board of Health Agent:

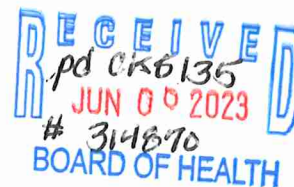

Wendy Hansbury REHS, Public Health Director



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Inspection results must be submitted on this form. Inspection forms may not be altered in any way. Please see completeness checklist at the end of the form.

A. Inspector Information

1. Inspector:

Timothy Gannon

Name of Inspector

Wind River Environmental

Company Name

46 Lizotte Drive Suite 1000

Company Address

Marlborough

City/Town

774-419-6401

Telephone Number

MA

State

SI 14511

License Number

01752

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B. Certification

I certify that: I am a DEP approved system inspector in full compliance with Section 15.340 of Title 5 (310 CMR 15.000); I have personally inspected the sewage disposal system at the property address listed above; the information reported below is true, accurate and complete as of the time of my inspection; and the inspection was performed based on my training and experience in the proper function and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems. After conducting this inspection I have determined that the system:

- ☒ Passes
- ☐ Conditionally Passes
- ☐ Needs Further Evaluation by the Local Approving Authority
- ☐ Fails

Inspector's Signature

May 4, 2023

Date

The system inspector shall submit a copy of this inspection report to the Approving Authority (Board of Health or DEP) within 30 days of completing this inspection. If the system has a design flow of 10,000 gpd or greater, the inspector and the system owner shall submit the report to the appropriate regional office of the DEP. The original should be sent to the system owner and copies sent to the buyer, if applicable, and the approving authority.

Please note: This report only describes conditions at the time of inspection and under the conditions of use at that time. This inspection does not address how the system will perform in the future under the same or different conditions of use.



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C. Inspection summary

Inspection Summary: Complete 1, 2, 3, or 5 and all of 4 and 6.

1) System Passes:

- ☒ I have not found any information which indicates that any of the failure criteria described in 310 CMR 15.303 or in 310 CMR 15.304 exist. Any failure criteria not evaluated are indicated below.

Comments:

All components were structurally sound and at proper level in relation to the outlet inverts at the time of inspection.

2) System Conditionally Passes:

- ☐ One or more system components as described in the "Conditional Pass" section need to be replaced or repaired. The system, upon completion of the replacement or repair, as approved by the Board of Health, will pass

Check the box for "yes", "no" or "not determined" (Y, N, ND) for the following statements. If "not determined," please explain.

The septic tank is metal and over 20 years old* or the septic tank (whether metal or not) is structurally unsound, exhibits substantial infiltration or exfiltration or tank failure is imminent. System will pass inspection if the existing tank is replaced with a complying septic tank as approved by the Board of Health.

* A metal septic tank will pass inspection if it is structurally sound, not leaking and if a Certificate of Compliance indicating that the tank is less than 20 years old is available.

☐ Y ☐ N ☐ ND (Explain below)



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2) System Conditionally Passes (cont.):

☐ Pump Chamber pumps/alarms not operational. System will pass with Board of Health approval if pumps/alarms are repaired.

☐ Observation of sewage backup or break out or high static water level in the distribution box due to broken or obstructed pipe(s) or due to a broken, settled or uneven distribution box. System will pass inspection if (with approval of Board of Health):

☐ broken pipe(s) are replaced

☐ Y

☐ N

☐ ND (Explain below):

☐ obstruction is removed

☐ Y

☐ N

☐ ND (Explain below):

☐ distribution box is leveled or replaced

☐ Y

☐ N

☐ ND (Explain below):

☐ The system required pumping more than 4 times a year due to broken or obstructed pipe(s). The system will pass inspection if (with approval of the Board of Health):

☐ broken pipe(s) are replaced

☐ Y

☐ N

☐ ND (Explain below):

☐ obstruction is removed

☐ Y

☐ N

☐ ND (Explain below):

3) Further Evaluation is Required by the Board of Health:

☐ Conditions exist which require further evaluation by the Board of Health in order to determine if the system is failing to protect public health, safety or the environment.

a. System will pass unless Board of Health determines in accordance with 310 CMR 15.303(1)(b) that the system is not functioning in a manner which will protect public health, safety and the environment:



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☐ Cesspool or privy is within 50 feet of a surface water

☐ Cesspool or privy is within 50 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland or a salt marsh

b. System will fail unless the Board of Health (and Public Water Supplier, if any) determines that the system is functioning in a manner that protects the public health, safety and environment:

☐ The system has a septic tank and soil absorption system (SAS) and the SAS is within 100 feet of a surface water supply or tributary to a surface water supply.

☐ The system has a septic tank and SAS and the SAS is within a Zone 1 of a public water supply.

☐ The system has a septic tank and SAS and the SAS is within 50 feet of a private water supply well.

☐ The system has a septic tank and SAS and the SAS is less than 100 feet but 50 feet or more from a private water supply well**.

Method used to determine distance: _____

** This system passes if the well water analysis, performed at a DEP certified laboratory, for fecal coliform bacteria indicates absent and the presence of ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen is equal to or less than 5 ppm, provided that no other failure criteria are triggered. A copy of the analysis must be attached to this form.

c. Other:

4) System Failure Criteria Applicable to All Systems:

You must indicate "Yes" or "No" to each of the following for all inspections:

Yes No

☐☒

Backup of sewage into facility or system component due to overloaded or clogged SAS or cesspool

☐☒

Discharge or ponding of effluent to the surface of the ground or surface waters due to an overloaded or clogged SAS or cesspool



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4) System Failure Criteria Applicable to All Systems: (cont.)

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Static liquid level in the distribution box above outlet invert due to an overloaded or clogged SAS or cesspool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Liquid depth in cesspool is less than 6" below invert or available volume is less than ½ day flow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Required pumping more than 4 times in the last year NOT due to clogged or obstructed pipe(s). Number of times pumped: ____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Any portion of the SAS, cesspool or privy is below high ground water elevation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Any portion of cesspool or privy is within 100 feet of a surface water supply or tributary to a surface water supply. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Any portion of a cesspool or privy is within a Zone 1 of a public well. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Any portion of a cesspool or privy is within 50 feet of a private water supply well. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Any portion of a cesspool or privy is less than 100 feet but greater than 50 feet from a private water supply well with no acceptable water quality analysis. [This system passes if the well water analysis, performed at a DEP certified laboratory, for fecal coliform bacteria indicates absent and the presence of ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen is equal to or less than 5 ppm, provided that no other failure criteria are triggered. A copy of the analysis and chain of custody must be attached to this form.] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The system is a cesspool serving a facility with a design flow of 2000gpd-10,000gpd. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The system fails. I have determined that one or more of the above failure criteria exist as described in 310 CMR 15.303, therefore the system fails. The system owner should contact the Board of Health to determine what will be necessary to correct the failure. |

5) Large Systems: To be considered a large system the system must serve a facility with a design flow of 10,000 gpd to 15,000 gpd.

For large systems, you must indicate either "yes" or "no" to each of the following, in addition to the questions in Section C.4.

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | the system is within 400 feet of a surface drinking water supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | the system is within 200 feet of a tributary to a surface drinking water supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | the system is located in a nitrogen sensitive area (Interim Wellhead Protection Area - IWPA) or a mapped Zone II of a public water supply well |



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If you have answered "yes" to any question in Section C.5 the system is considered a significant threat, or answered "yes" in Section C.4 above the large system has failed. The owner or operator of any large system considered a significant threat under Section C.5 or failed under Section C.4 shall upgrade the system in accordance with 310 CMR 15.304. The system owner should contact the appropriate regional office of the Department.

6. You must indicate "yes" or "no" for each of the following for *all* inspections:

- | Yes | No | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pumping information was provided by the owner, occupant, or Board of Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Were any of the system components pumped out in the previous two weeks? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has the system received normal flows in the previous two week period? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Have large volumes of water been introduced to the system recently or as part of this inspection? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Were as built plans of the system obtained and examined? (If they were not available note as N/A) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Was the facility or dwelling inspected for signs of sewage back up? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Was the site inspected for signs of break out? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were all system components, excluding the SAS, located on site? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were the septic tank manholes uncovered, opened, and the interior of the tank inspected for the condition of the baffles or tees, material of construction, dimensions, depth of liquid, depth of sludge and depth of scum? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Was the facility owner (and occupants if different from owner) provided with information on the proper maintenance of subsurface sewage disposal systems? The size and location of the Soil Absorption System (SAS) on the site has been determined based on: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Existing information. For example, a plan at the Board of Health. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Determined in the field (if any of the failure criteria related to Part C is at issue approximation of distance is unacceptable) [310 CMR 15.302(5)] |



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D. System Information

1. Residential Flow Conditions:

Number of bedrooms (design): 3 Number of bedrooms (actual): 3

DESIGN flow based on 310 CMR 15.203 (for example: 110 gpd x # of bedrooms): 990

Description:

Number of current residents: 2

Does residence have a garbage grinder? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does residence have a water treatment unit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, discharges to:

Is laundry on a separate sewage system? (Include laundry system inspection information in this report.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Laundry system inspected? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Seasonal use? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Water meter readings, if available (last 2 years usage (gpd)): N/A

Detail:

Well water

Sump pump? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Last date of occupancy: Current

Date



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2. Commercial/Industrial Flow Conditions:

Type of Establishment:

Design flow (based on 310 CMR 15.203):

Gallons per day (gpd)

Basis of design flow (seats/persons/sq.ft., etc.):

Grease trap present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Water treatment unit present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, discharges to

Industrial waste holding tank present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Non-sanitary waste discharged to the Title 5 system?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Water meter readings, if available:

Last date of occupancy/use:

Date

Other (describe below):

General Information

3. Pumping Records:

Source of information:

Last pump out by Wind River Environmental was 8/8/2022.

Was system pumped as part of the inspection?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, volume pumped:

gallons

How was quantity pumped determined?

Reason for pumping:



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4. Type of System:

- ☒ Septic tank, distribution box, soil absorption system
- ☐ Single cesspool
- ☐ Overflow cesspool
- ☐ Privy
- ☐ Shared system (yes or no) (if yes, attach previous inspection records, if any)
- ☐ Innovative/Alternative technology. Attach a copy of the current operation and maintenance contract (to be obtained from system owner) and a copy of latest inspection of the I/A system by system operator under contract
- ☐ Tight tank. Attach a copy of the DEP approval.
- ☐ Other (describe):

Approximate age of all components, date installed (if known) and source of information:

Approximately 1984 per previous Title 5.

Were sewage odors detected when arriving at the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Building Sewer (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade:

2
feet

Material of construction:

☐ cast iron ☒ 40 PVC ☐ other (explain):

Distance from private water supply well or suction line:

feet

Comments (on condition of joints, venting, evidence of leakage, etc.):

All joints were ok. No leakage observed.



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6. Septic Tank (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade:

1.5

feet

Material of construction:



concrete



metal



fiberglass



polyethylene



other (explain)

If tank is metal, list age:

years

Is age confirmed by a Certificate of Compliance? (attach a copy of certificate)



Yes



No

Dimensions:

10'6" x 5'6" x 5'8"

Sludge depth:

5"

Distance from top of sludge to bottom of outlet tee or baffle

33"

Scum thickness

3"

Distance from top of scum to top of outlet tee or baffle

6"

Distance from bottom of scum to bottom of outlet tee or baffle

10"

How were dimensions determined?

Tape measure

Comments (on pumping recommendations, inlet and outlet tee or baffle condition, structural integrity, liquid levels as related to outlet invert, evidence of leakage, etc.):

Tank was at proper level in relation to the outlet invert. Tank was structurally sound. Both baffles are intact. No leakage observed. Recommend yearly pumping.



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7. Grease Trap (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade:

feet

Material of construction:

☐ concrete

☐ metal

☐ fiberglass

☐ polyethylene

☐ other (explain):

Dimensions:

Scum thickness

Distance from top of scum to top of outlet tee or baffle

Distance from bottom of scum to bottom of outlet tee or baffle

Date of last pumping:

Date

Comments (on pumping recommendations, inlet and outlet tee or baffle condition, structural integrity, liquid levels as related to outlet invert, evidence of leakage, etc.):

8. Tight or Holding Tank (tank must be pumped at time of inspection) (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade:

Material of construction:

☐ concrete

☐ metal

☐ fiberglass

☐ polyethylene

☐ other (explain):

Dimensions:

Capacity:

gallons

Design Flow:

gallons per day



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8. Tight or Holding Tank (cont.)

Alarm present:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Alarm level: __

Alarm in working order: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of last pumping:

Date

Comments (condition of alarm and float switches, etc.):

* Attach copy of current pumping contract (required). Is copy attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

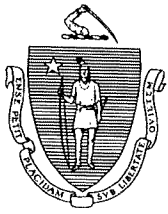
9. Distribution Box (if present must be opened) (locate on site plan):

Depth of liquid level above outlet invert

0

Comments (note if box is level and distribution to outlets equal, any evidence of solids carryover, any evidence of leakage into or out of box, etc.):

Distribution box was level with equal flow to two lines. Distribution box was structurally sound. No leakage. No carryover. Distribution box is 18" below grade.



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10. Pump Chamber (locate on site plan):

Pumps in working order:

☐ Yes ☐ No*

Alarms in working order:

☐ Yes ☐ No*

Comments (note condition of pump chamber, condition of pumps and appurtenances, etc.):

* If pumps or alarms are not in working order, system is a conditional pass.

11. Soil Absorption System (SAS) (locate on site plan, excavation not required):

If SAS not located, explain why:

Type:

- ☒ leaching pits
- ☐ leaching chambers
- ☐ leaching galleries
- ☐ leaching trenches
- ☐ leaching fields
- ☐ overflow cesspool
- ☐ innovative/alternative system

number: 2, 6' round × 6'
deep

number: _____

number: _____

number, length: _____

number, dimensions: _____

number: _____

Type/name of technology:



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11. Soil Absorption System (SAS)(Cont.)

Comments (note condition of soil, signs of hydraulic failure, level of ponding, damp soil, condition of vegetation, etc.):

Soil was rocky loam and was dry. No signs of hydraulic failure. No ponding. Vegetation was normal for the area.

12. Cesspools (cesspool must be pumped as part of inspection) (locate on site plan):

Number and configuration

Depth - top of liquid to inlet invert

Depth of solids layer

Depth of scum layer

Dimensions of cesspool

Materials of construction

Indication of groundwater inflow

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments (note condition of soil, signs of hydraulic failure, level of ponding, condition of vegetation, etc.):



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13. Privy (locate on site plan):

Materials of construction:

Dimensions

Depth of solids

Comments (note condition of soil, signs of hydraulic failure, level of ponding, condition of vegetation, etc.):



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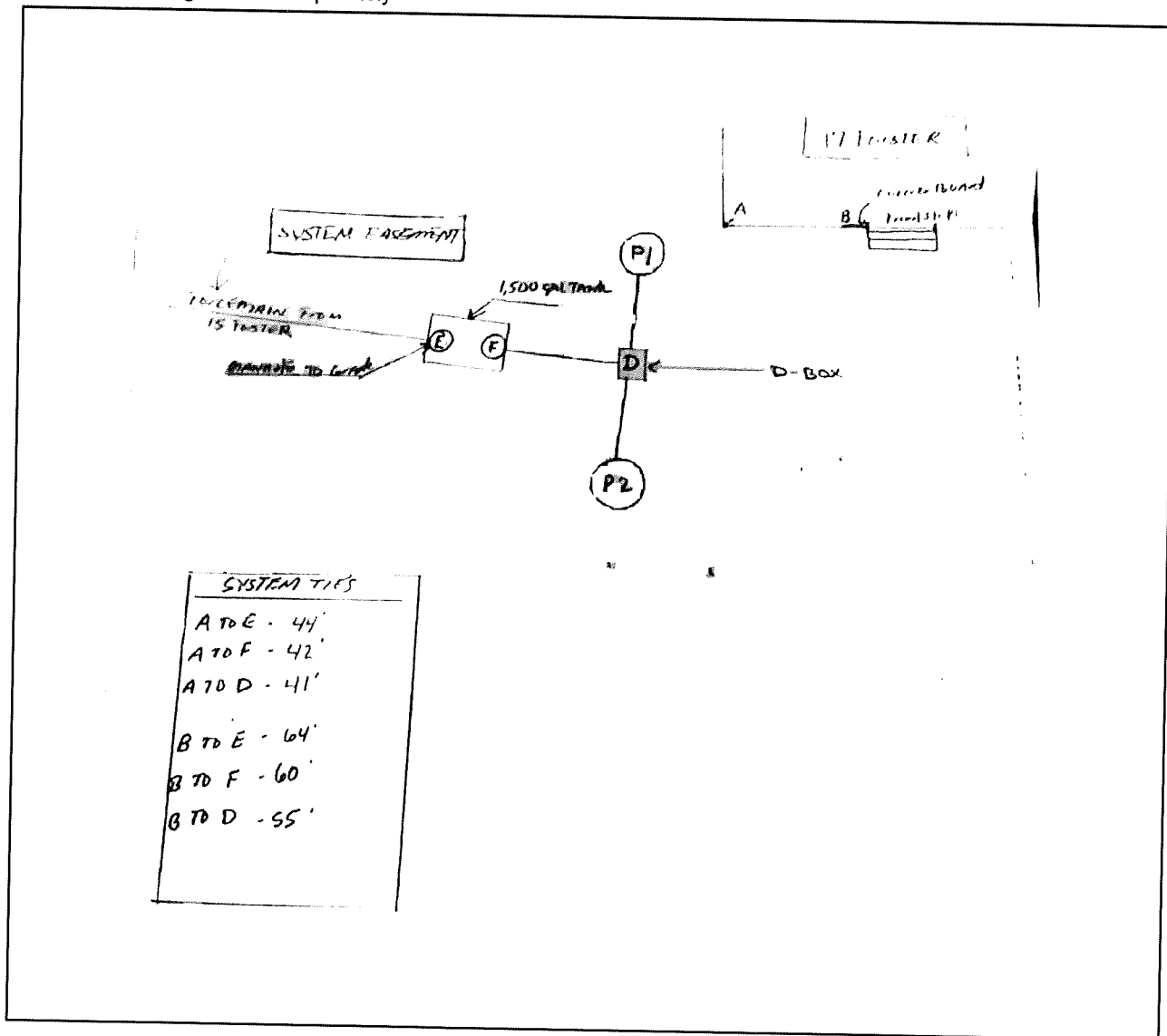
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D. System Information (cont.)

14. Sketch Of Sewage Disposal System:

Provide a view of the sewage disposal system, including ties to at least two permanent reference landmarks or benchmarks. Locate all wells within 100 feet. Locate where public water supply enters the building. Check one of the boxes below:

- ☒ hand-sketch in the area below
☐ drawing attached separately





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Owner's Name

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MA

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D. System Information (cont.)

15. Site Exam:

- ☒ Check Slope
- ☒ Surface water
- ☒ Check cellar
- ☒ Shallow wells

Estimated depth to high ground water:

11'+

feet

Please indicate all methods used to determine the high ground water elevation:

- ☒ Obtained from system design plans on record

If checked, date of design plan reviewed:

04/15/1981

Date

- ☐ Observed site (abutting property/observation hole within 150 feet of SAS)

- ☐ Checked with local Board of Health - explain:

- ☐ Checked with local excavators, installers - (attach documentation)

- ☐ Accessed USGS database - explain:

You **must** describe how you established the high ground water elevation:

Test holes done 04/15/81 show they went 11' with no groundwater.

Before filing this Inspection Report, please see Report Completeness Checklist on next page.



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E. Report Completeness Checklist

Complete all applicable sections of this form inclusive of:

- ☒ A. Inspection information: Complete all fields in this section.
- ☒ B. Certification: Signed & Dated and 1, 2, 3, or 4 checked
- ☒ C. Inspection Summary:
 - 1, 2, 3, or 5 completed as appropriate
 - 4 (Failure Criteria) and 6 (Checklist) completed
- ☒ D. System Information:
 - For 8: Tight/Holding Tank - Pumping contract attached
 - For 15: Sketch of Sewage Disposal System drawn on pg. 16 or attached
 - For 16: Explanation of estimated depth to high groundwater included