

DEFIANCE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENT TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM RULES 3701-29

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Section 1 – Definitions

Definitions reflect those set forth and identified in 3701-29-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code and Appendix B of this regulation.

Section 2 – General Authority

The Board of Health of the Defiance County General Health District is granted authority under section 3709.21 of the Ohio Revised Code to make such orders and regulations as are necessary for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement, or suppression of nuisances.

Section 3 – Penalties

This regulation shall be enforced in accordance with Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code. A violation of this regulation is punishable in accordance with section 3709.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 - Regulation of Small Flow on-site Sewage Treatment Systems

In reference to 3701-29-02(H) of the Ohio Administrative Code, a board of health may regulate the siting, design, installation, operation, monitoring, maintenance and/or abandonment of SFOSTS in accordance with section 3718.021 of the Revised Code. The board of health has determined that all applicable provisions of the rules related to SFOSTS can be implemented under its authority and the board of health has sent a letter to the director of Ohio EPA at least 60 days prior to it assuming authority for SFOSTS in 2019.

Section 5 - Registration of owner-installers and owner-service providers

- (A) Homeowner Service Provider In reference to 3701-29-03 (G) of the Ohio Administrative Code, when the registered service provider performs the duties of a service provider on only the registrant's personal residence, the service provider shall be exempt from paragraphs (C)(4) [*general liability insurance requirement*], and (C)(6) [*proof of surety bond*] of the rule.
- Whereas the board of health has the authority to waive (C)(1) [*registration fee*] and (C)(5) [*six hours of continuing education each year*] of the rule for the ~~foretasted~~ registrant, the board of health does hereby waive 3701-29-03(C)(1) and (C)(5).
 - The board further requires that before granting permission to register as a service provider, the homeowner must successfully complete a course of training specified by the board and receive a passing grade on the OTCO STS exam.
 - A homeowner service Provider may not service, install or repair components on an aeration treatment unit unless done under the supervision of a qualified Registered Service Provider.
- (B) Registered Installer In reference to 3701-29-03 (H) of the Ohio Administrative Code, when the registered installer performs the duties of an installer on only the registrant's personal residence, the board of health may waive (C)(1), (C)(4), and (C)(6) of the rule. The board of health does not waive 3701-29-03(C)(1), (C)(4) and (C)(6) of the rule.
- (C) Every registrant shall maintain and submit to the board of health such complete and accurate records as may be required for determining compliance with all applicable rules of this chapter.
- (D) Every registrant shall comply with any reporting or records retention requirements established by the board of health and this chapter. Service providers shall provide all O&M records, including sampling results, if applicable, as required under rule 3701-29-19 of the Administrative Code to the board of health. For sewage

treatment systems that include a pretreatment component, any service agreement for the pretreatment component shall include the maintenance and monitoring of all system components.

Section 6 - STS Operation requirements

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-09(1)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code, the board of health shall specify any terms and conditions of the operation permit consistent with this chapter governing the operation, maintenance, and abandonment including:
- (1) Maintenance, Operation and Monitoring-All STS shall be maintained, operated and monitored per the manufacturer's operation instructions and/or DCGHD instructions and so as to not cause a public health nuisance or premature failure of the system.
 - (2) Discharging systems shall meet effluent quality standards set forth in 3701-29-14(A).
 - (3) An operation permit shall require a service contract with a Registered Service Provider for any STS utilizing an aeration treatment unit (ATU) or when required as a condition of a STS component or system approval granted by the director of health. A homeowner service provider may not install, service or repair an ATU. Only a Registered Service Provider may install, service or repair an ATU.
 - (4) Operation permits shall be in effect upon board of health approval of the installation, replacement, or alteration of an STS or GWRS. All STS and GWRS operation permits shall expire every 4 years according to Schedule A of this document.
 - (5) Operation permits shall be renewed prior to expiration. All operation permits shall automatically renew provided a written inspection/service report has been submitted to the DCGHD in the previous operational period and all applicable fees have been paid. The BOH may suspend or revoke the operation permit for failure to comply with this rule supplement or any other rule(s) in Chapter 3701-29. Failure to comply with the written inspection/service report requirement will result in staff of DCGHD performing an operation inspection. Owner will be billed for applicable fees.
- (B) Operation Permit terms and conditions are specified in Appendix A of this regulation.

Section 7 – Soil Evaluation and Soil Evaluators

In reference to 3701-29-07(A) (4), the Board of Health does hereby allow that registered environmental health specialists ~~sanitarians~~ employed by the Board of Health may conduct soil evaluations within its jurisdiction upon being determined by the board of health to be capable of meeting the tasks in paragraph 3701-29-07 (C).

Section 8 – General soil absorption standards

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-15 (G) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may establish a vertical separation distance no less than six inches and no greater than eighteen inches, with a required minimum thickness of in situ soil within the infiltrative distance of no less than six inches, the board of health does hereby establish a vertical separation distance of six (6) inches, with a required minimum thickness of in situ soil of six (6) inches.
- (B) In reference to 3701-29-15 (H) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may establish the required minimum vertical separation distance of greater than zero inches and less than six inches, and the required minimum in situ soil thickness within the vertical separation distance of greater than zero inches and less than six inches where the seasonal water table is present and the sewage effluent is pretreated to less

than one thousand fecal coliform CFU per one hundred milliliters, the board of health does hereby establish a vertical separation distance to the seasonal water table of six inches for pretreated effluent (<1000 cfu/100ml).

Section 9 – Gray water recycling systems

In reference to 3701-29-17 (B) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may issue a permit for the design and installation of a type 1 gray water recycling system, the board of health does hereby determine that a permit shall be required for the design and installation of these systems.

- (A) No person shall design or install a type 1 gray water recycling system without an approved and valid type 1 gray water recycling system permit issued by the board of health.
- (B) All terms, conditions, and procedures for site review and permitting specified in section 3701-29-09 of the Ohio Administrative Code shall be recognized and enforced.

Section 10 - STS Operation, Management and Owner Education

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-19 (A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, the board of health shall develop a program for the administration of an O&M management for STS and GWRS and owner education in compliance with division (A)(7) of section 3718.02 of the Revised Code and this chapter, the Board of Health does hereby establish the following provisions:
 - (1) A management Plan with a phased approach has been developed for STS and GWRS, and can be found in Schedule A of these rules. The Board of Health has sought the input of interested stakeholders in developing this schedule.
 - (2) The O&M program shall include STS owner education for all STS installed or altered after the effective date of this regulation.
 - (3) All STS that have been issued coverage under the general NPDES permit after January 1, 2007 shall be included in the O&M program.
- (B) In reference to 3701-29-19 (E)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may permit a registered service provider to collect effluent samples for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The board of health does hereby allow a registered service provider to collect effluent samples for monitoring as required by the HSTS General permit.

Section 11 - STS abandonment

In reference to 3701-29-21(E) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may require a permit for abandonment of a Sewage Treatment System and establish a permit fee in accordance with paragraph (D)(12) of rule 3701-29-05 of the Administrative Code, the board of health does hereby determine that an abandonment permit and fee shall be required.

- (A) No person shall abandon a sewage treatment system without an approved and valid abandonment permit issued by the board of health.
- (B) All terms, conditions, and procedures for abandonment specified in section 3701-29-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code shall be enforced.

- (C) An approved abandonment permit issued by the board of health shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance or until the abandonment is completed and approved by the board of health within the one year period.
- (D) When a permit is issued for the installation of a replacement sewage treatment system, the abandonment permit fee for the same location (address) shall be waived.
- (E) When found at abandoned sites, abandoned structures, and unused sites; cesspools must be properly abandoned because of their potential they present to contaminate groundwater.

Section 12– Unused sites and replacement homes

A new home or a replacement home may utilize the existing tanks or components of a household sewage disposal or treatment system that was permitted under, installed according to and conforms with the 1977 or subsequent editions of OAC 3701-29, provided that:

- (A) It is properly sized or altered to be properly sized;
- (B) In the case of an ATU, it must meet the requirements of 3701-29-08 & 3701-29-09.
- (C) It meets siting and set-back requirements of current rules.
- (D) All components are present and in working condition;
- (E) It is not found to be creating a health or safety nuisance; and
- (F) The owner obtains an alteration permit from the health district.

Section 13 - Septage and septage management

In reference to 3701-29-20 (A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may adopt rules prohibiting , restricting or limiting the land application of septage within its jurisdiction, the board of health does hereby prohibit the land application of septage within its jurisdiction.

Section 14 - Inspections

In reference to 3701-29-01 (D) and 3701-29-19 (D) of the Ohio Administrative Code, the board of health may conduct inspections and collect adopted fees for the following:

- (A) Compliance inspections for the purpose of oversight of installers, service providers, homeowner service providers or septage haulers.
- (B) Inspect an STS or GWRS as authorized in division (A)(7) of section 3718.02 of the Revised Code.

Section 15 - Severability

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of these Sewage regulations of the Defiance County General Health District Board of Health be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said regulation shall not be affected thereby.

Appendix A

Defiance County General Health District

Operation Permit Terms and Conditions

Operation Permit - General Provisions

1. Each owner of an STS or GWRS in Defiance County shall operate and maintain their system so that a public health nuisance is not created.
2. Each owner of an STS or GWRS in Defiance County shall obtain an Operation Permit from the Board of Health.
3. Owners must apply for Operation Permits in accordance with Schedule A. The operation permit is valid for a maximum of four years from the due date.
4. If more than one STS or GWRS exists on a parcel or at an address, the property owner will be responsible for obtaining Operation Permits for each system.
5. If an STS or GWRS has a tank located on a parcel separate from form the structure that it serves, the owner of the parcel on which the tank is located shall be responsible for obtaining the Operation Permit and performing system maintenance.
6. Failure of the Health District to contact the owner of an STS or GWRS does not negate the owner's obligation to obtain an operation permit.
7. Permit fees are not refundable.
8. Permits are transferrable upon the sale of the property for which the permit was issued.
9. The Board of Health shall adopt fees and collect late fees in accordance with Revised Code 3709.09.
10. To be removed from the operation permit requirement, a dwelling, building or other structure must be connected to a sanitary sewer system or the owner must provide evidence to the district that the system was properly abandoned. Any STS or water system must be properly abandoned per OAC 3701-29 or 3701-28.
11. Tanks at abandoned sites, abandoned structures, and unused sites in which the STS or GWRS is receiving no effluent, do not need to follow the pumping schedule to meet the permit requirements. The STS or GWRS must only be inspected for safety.
12. Tanks serving unused structures must be pumped prior to the structure being occupied or sold.
13. Tanks must be maintained watertight and safe. Tanks that are not watertight (as evidenced by leakage or flooding) or safe must be repaired or abandoned.

Inspection Standards

1. Each owner of an STS or GWRS shall have the system inspected and/or the tank pumped by a registered contractor during the period covered by the operation permit
2. Each owner of an STS or GWRS shall provide documentation of inspection or maintenance to the Board of Health within 60 days of the service.
3. Should an owner fail to provide evidence of inspection, the Health District shall inspect the system. The Health District shall inspect the STS or GWRS and bill the owner for the inspection and collect any fees adopted by the Board of Health. The Health District will issue a notice to the owner regarding any required maintenance or repairs.
4. Each owner of an STS or GWRS shall have their tank pumped by a Registered Septage Hauler in accordance with Schedule B or an alternate schedule approved by the district. Any maintenance or repairs must be reported on documents to the Board of Health. Health.
5. Reports shall include information on the condition of the tank; solid & scum levels in the tank; the operability of pumps and aeration motors, timers and filters; the any storm or surface water entering the system, nuisance conditions, blockages or safety concerns.

NPDES Systems

If an HSTS that is required to obtain an NPDES general discharge permit per revised code 611, the owner must do all of the following:

1. Maintain a service contract with a Registered Service Provider.
2. Provide proof to the Board of Health that a service contract is in place and maintenance is being completed according to the manufacturer's specifications.
3. Provide to the Board of Health copies of the lab reports documenting annual effluent tests.
4. Operate and maintain the system in accordance with the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit.

Appendix B

Definitions and Abbreviations

1. "Abandoned Site" means a parcel that once contained a dwelling, building or other structure that has been razed, but contains a tank, cesspool or component that has not been properly abandoned.
2. "Abandoned Structure" means a dwelling, building or other structure that is not fit for human occupation, is not being rented, occupied or advertised for rent, and is generating no sewage or gray water, but contains a tank, cesspool, or component that has not been properly abandoned.
3. "Accessible to a Sanitary Sewer System", for the purposes of these regulations and consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 6117.51, shall mean the following: a property shall be deemed accessible to a sanitary sewerage system if the foundation wall of the residence on the property is two hundred (200) feet or less from the nearest boundary of the right of way within which the sewer is located. The Health Department may deem a property to be inaccessible if the flow from the residence to the sanitary sewerage system cannot be accomplished by gravity and there is a need for lift stations, pumps, and other such devices, or if it is necessary for the owner of a property upon which the residence is located to bore under the road in order to accomplish the connection to the sewers. Nothing shall preclude the Board of Health, however, from requiring a property owner to directly connect into a sanitary sewerage system deemed to be inaccessible to the property if a sewage nuisance (as defined in ORC 3718.011) exists on such property.
4. "Aeration Treatment Unit" or "ATU" means a tank equipped with pumps, motors or other components that are designed to mechanically introduce oxygen into the effluent in order to encourage the growth of aerobic bacteria.
5. "Alter or Alteration" means the same as division (A) of section 3718.01 of the Revised Code. Alter or Alteration includes, but is not be limited to:
 - (a) a change in the nature of influent waste strength;
 - (b) a change in system components;
 - (c) an expansion of the treatment or dispersal system; and
 - (d) may include a change in the volume of the daily design flow.
6. "Board of Health" means the Board of Health of the Defiance County General Health District.
7. "Cesspool" means an excavation which receives sewage which then seeps into surrounding soil from the bottom and side openings in the pit. Crock tanks and privies unless proven watertight by testing or design will be considered cesspools for the purpose of this rule and be considered leaching pits or leaching privies for the purposes of Chapter 3701-28-07 of the Administrative Code.
8. "Chamber" means a single compartment of a two-compartment tank or the entire tank for a single compartment tank.

9. "Component" means an independent portion of the sewage treatment system. Sewage treatment system components include, but are not limited to, tanks, pretreatment products, tertiary treatment, pump stations, inspection ports and soil absorption.
10. "Composting toilet" has the same meaning as Administrative Code 3701-29-01(T).
11. "Daily design flow" means the peak estimated volume of sewage for any twenty-four hour period received by a STS or GRWS.
12. "Device" means an approved sub-unit of a sewage treatment system component. For example, agitators and blowers are devices in a pretreatment component, and distribution boxes, drop boxes, and lift stations are devices in a soil absorption component.
13. "District" means the Defiance County General Health District.
14. "Dwelling" means a place that may be occupied by a person or persons as their primary residence or secondary residence. This includes a dwelling that may be seasonal or recreational.
15. "Easement" means a legal document drafted by attorneys whereby one party gives a second party a lesser interest in real estate as compared to a deed/ownership interest. The easement granted allows the other party to utilize the land specified in the easement document in ways that are specified in that document (i.e.: road use, access, water, sewer, etc.). There are either permanent easements (forever) or temporary easements (for a shorter period of time). Permanent easements are required for sewage disposal pipes, storm water disposal pipes and potable water lines.
16. "Effluent" means liquid flowing into or out of an STS component or device.
17. "Gray water" means wastewater discharged from lavatories, bathtubs, showers, clothes washers, and laundry sinks that does not contain food wastes or urine or fecal matter.
18. "Gray water recycling system" or "GWRS" has the same meaning as Administrative Code 3701-29-01 (RR).
19. "Homeowner Service Provider" means a homeowner who has registered with the district to conduct operation & maintenance inspections on the STS or GWRS serving the home in which they reside. This may include the inspection and evaluation of the STS or GWRS for safety and function, adding risers or filters, measurement of sludge and scum levels in the tank, collection of effluent or making repairs that do not qualify as an installation or alteration or pumping out a tank. If the residence is held by a family trust of which the resident is a party, the resident may register as a homeowner service provider.
20. "Household sewage treatment system" or "HSTS" has the same meaning as Administrative Code 3701-29-01 (WW). This includes any sewage treatment system, or part of such a system, that receives sewage from a single-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling.
21. "Incinerating toilet" has the same meaning as Administrative Code 3701-29-01(BBB).
22. Inspection means the on-site evaluation or analysis of the design, installation, or operation of a sewage treatment system.
23. "Installer" means any person who engages in the business of installing or altering any STS or GWRS.
24. "Manufacturer" means any person or company that manufactures sewage treatment systems, components or devices to be used in a STS of GWRS.

25. "Monitor" means to verify STS or GWRS performance requirements and may include, but is not limited to, sampling of effluent from, or inspection of an STS or GWRS component. Monitoring activities shall be conducted by either the board of health or a registered service provider.
26. "Owner" means the owner of the STS or GWRS or the owner of a property where a proposed STS or GWRS is to be installed.
27. "Person" includes an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, and association as set forth in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any state, any political subdivision of a state, and any department, division, board, commission, agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision.
28. "Privy" means a self-contained waterless toilet used for disposal of non-water-carried human excreta that consists of a shelter built above an approved tank installed in the ground into which human excreta is deposited.
29. "Registered contractor" means a registered septage hauler, registered service provider or a registered installer as defined under 3701-29-01 of the Administrative Code.
30. "Repair" means act of fixing or replacing substandard or damaged devices to restore a STS or GWRS or component thereof to proper working condition, and does not require a permit.
31. "Safety hazard" means the presence of conditions that, if left uncontrolled, can result in (present a risk of) bodily harm or death including, but not limited to: unsecured electrical devices or wiring; collapsed, deteriorated, or cracked devices or components; collapsed, deteriorated, cracked, missing or unsecured device or component covers; and unsecured, open excavations.
32. "Sanitary sewerage system" means pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, force mains, and all other constructions, devices, appurtenances, and facilities that convey sewage to a central sewage treatment plant and that are required to obtain a permit under Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code.
33. "Septage" means the liquid or solid material removed from a sewage treatment system, composting or portable toilet, privy, sewage holding tank, holding tanks for campers and recreational vehicles, or type III marine sanitation device as defined in 33 C.F.R. 159.3. Domestic septage does not include grease removed from a grease trap.
34. "Septage hauler" means a person operating a business that engages in the collection, transportation, disposal, and/or land application of domestic septage. A septage hauler may also evaluate and report on the condition of any tank they are pumping.
35. "Septic tank" means a water-tight, covered receptacle for treatment of sewage that receives the discharge of sewage from a building, separates settleable and floating solids from the liquid, digests organic matter by anaerobic bacterial action, stores digested solids through a period of detention, allows clarified liquids to discharge for additional treatment and final dispersal, and attenuates flows.
36. "Service and maintenance" means all routine or periodic action taken to assure that an existing sewage treatment system operates as it was intended including the in-place correction, cleaning, or replacement of damaged or worn out devices with approved devices. Service and maintenance shall include the replacement of mechanical devices such as agitators, compressors, and pumps; replacement of broken device lids, risers, and baffles; the installation or cleaning of an outlet filter; the pumping of a sewage treatment system component by a registered septage hauler; and all other actions not defined as an alteration or replacement, as determined by the board of health.
37. "Service Provider" means a person operating a business that-services, monitors, inspects, evaluates or samples, but does not install or alter, sewage treatment systems or gray water recycling systems.

38. Sewage means liquid waste containing animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution that originates from humans and human activities. Sewage includes liquids containing household chemicals in solution commonly discharged from a residence or from commercial, institutional, or other similar facilities.
39. "Sewage treatment system" or "STS" means a household sewage treatment system (HSTS), a small flow on-site sewage treatment system (SFOSTS), or both, as applicable.
40. "Small flow on-site sewage treatment system" or "SFOSTS" means a system, other than a household sewage treatment system that does not require a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit (NPDES). This includes more than one dwellings or buildings utilizing a sewage treatment system.
41. "Tank" means an in-ground or underground chamber made of concrete, plastic, fiberglass, brick or other impermeable materials for the purpose of holding, treating or distributing domestic sewage. This includes septic tanks, aeration treatment units, dosing chambers, holding tanks, vaults or privies.
42. "Unused site" means a site where an STS or GRWS has been partially or fully installed, where no structure has yet been built.
43. "Unused structure" means a dwelling, building or other structure that is fit for human occupation, but is not being rented, occupied or advertised for rent, and is not generating sewage or gray water, but contains a tank, cesspool or component, that has not been properly abandoned.
44. "Update" means changing any discharging HSTS that was installed prior to January 1, 2007 that uses a system /manufacturer model that has been approved by the director to meet the conditions of the general household NPDES permit issued by Ohio EPA absent post aeration, disinfection, and/or sampling mechanisms and can be updated to be an identical system to such approved by the director by installing these additional components.

Abbreviations

ATU - Aeration Treatment Unit

GWRS - Gray water recycling system

HSTS - Household sewage treatment system

NPDES - National pollutant discharge elimination system

OEPA - Ohio environmental protection agency

ODH – Ohio Department of Health

SFOSTS - Small flow on-site sewage treatment system

SSS - Sanitary sewerage system

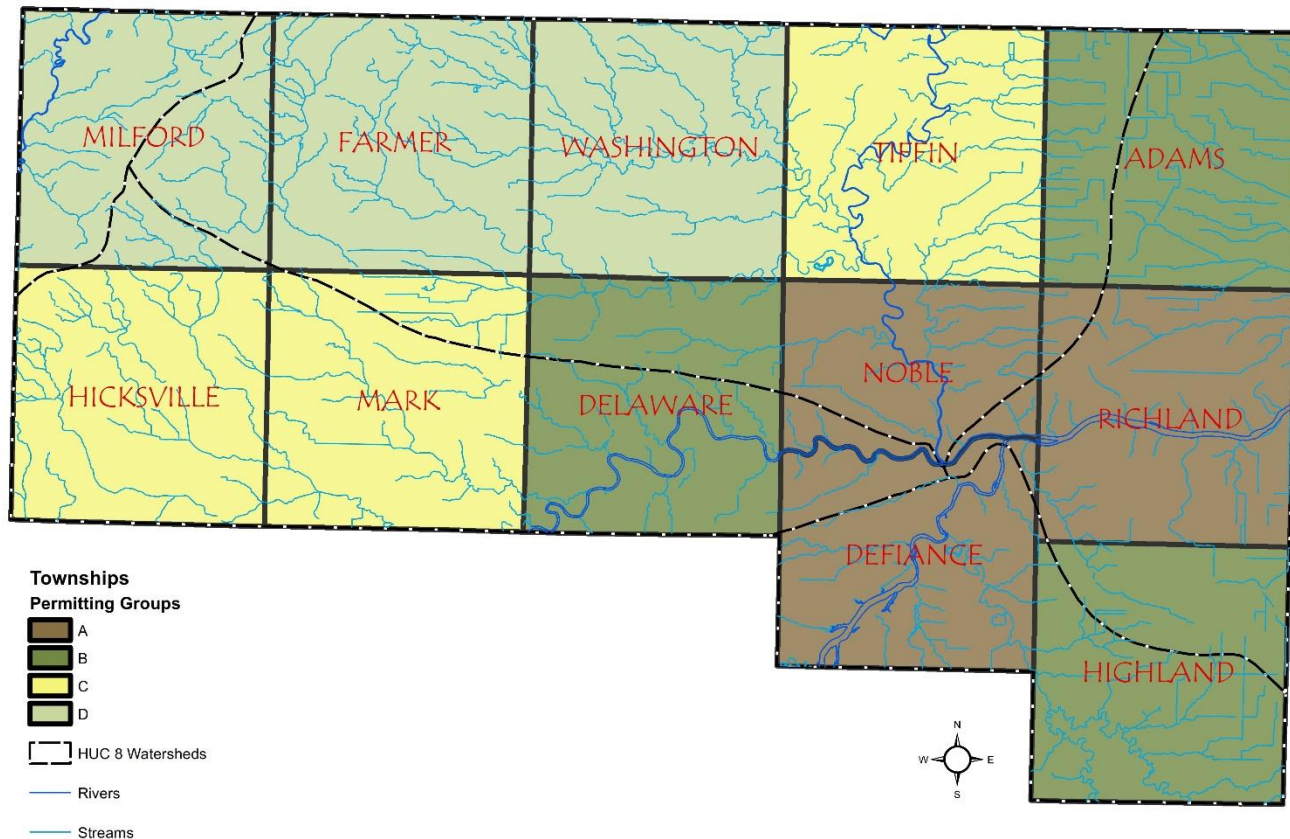
STS - Sewage treatment system

Schedule A

Implementing the Operation Permit Program

To implement the program, the health district will place the county's townships into one of four groups. The townships are grouped based upon criteria including proximity to Public Water System Corridor Management Zones (CMZ) and Recreational Use Zones (RUZ).

Using this schedule the district hopes to more quickly improve water quality in areas that will be most beneficial to public health.



Township Group	Est. # STS	Criteria
Township Group A		
Defiance	464	Defiance CMZ, RWZ
Noble	532	Defiance CMZ, RWZ
Richland	642	Napoleon CMZ, Campbell Soup CMZ, RWZ
Township Group B		
Adams	423	Napoleon CMZ, Campbell Soup CMZ
Delaware	629	Defiance CMZ, RWZ
Highland	426	Tributary to RWZ

Township Group C	Est. # STS	Reason
Hicksville	565	Tributary to RWZ
Mark	417	Tributary to RWZ
Tiffin	609	RWZ
Township Group D	Est. # STS	Criteria
Farmer	426	Tributary to RWZ
Milford	462	Tributary to RWZ
Washington	531	Tributary to RWZ

STS and GWRS owners will be required to apply and pay for the Operation Permit according to the schedule below.

Group	Location	Due dates for Application and Payment			
		Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4	Cycle 5
A	Defiance, Noble Richland	06-30-2023	06-30-2027	06-30-2031	06-30-2035
B	Adams, Delaware, Highland	06-30-2024	06-30-2028	06-30-2032	06-30-2036
C	Hicksville, Mark, Tiffin	06-30-2025	06-30-2029	06-30-2033	06-30-2037
D	Farmer, Milford, Washington	06-30-2026	06-30-2030	06-30-2034	06-30-2038

Applications or payments received or postmarked after the due date shall be assessed a penalty of 25% of the applicable fee as required by Revised Code 3709.09.

Failure to pay any fee or penalty shall cause the unpaid amount to be assessed to the property taxes in accordance with Revised Code 3709.091.

In the case of STS and GWRS that have been installed and inspected after the due date of their group, the initial Operation Permit fee will be prorated based on how many years remain until the renewal is due. The credit shall be 25% of the permit fee for each full or partial year that has passed prior to the system receiving an installation inspection by the health district.

No credit or refund shall be given for an STS or GWRS that is abandoned prior to the Operation Permit expiration.

Schedule B

Tank Pumping Frequency

A septic or aeration tank shall be pumped when any of the following occur:

1. The total depth of scum layer plus sludge layer in the inlet chamber is equal to or greater than 30% of the chamber depth;
2. The bottom of the scum layer is less than 3 inches from the bottom of the chamber baffle or outlet.
3. The top of the sludge layer is less than 12 inches from the bottom of the chamber baffle or outlet.

These measurements are valid when the outlet is fitted with a vented tee, vented ell, or baffle, which extends not less than six (6) inches above and not less than eighteen (18) inches below the liquid level of the chamber.

Or in accordance with the schedule below:

Tank size gallons	Household size - Number of Occupants									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<u>Septic Tank Service Frequency in Years</u>									
250	2.9	1.3	0.75	0.5	0.25	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08
500	5.8	2.6	1.5	1	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.05
750	9.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.3	1	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
900	11	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.3	1	0.8	0.7	0.5
1000	12.4	5.9	3.7	2.6	2	1.5	1.2	1	0.8	0.7
1250	15.6	7.5	4.8	3.4	2.6	2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1
1500	18.9	9.1	5.9	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
1750	22.1	10.7	6.9	5	3.9	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.6
2000	25.4	12.4	8	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2	2
2250	28.6	14	9.1	6.7	5.2	4.2	3.5	3	2.6	2.3
2500	30.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4	3.5	3	2.6