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Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems
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Nevada onsite regulations were last updated in 1999. Current revisions are expected to be adopted June 2007. Revisions will include eliminating the commercial aspect from Health Division regulations (now handled by NDEP) and revising maintenance requirements for nitrate removal systems.

In regards to performance based standards, the State of Nevada requires NSF, or equal, for alternative technologies.

Nevada Code does not recognize or require management programs or districts to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual liquid waste systems, and there are no plans to do so. The state has not formed a public utility type company or entity, nor does it plan to.

State onsite certification or licensing programs are available for contractors, pumpers, and engineers. In the State of Nevada, site evaluations are initiated by the owner for the installation of an onsite system. The owner may apply for a permit to construct. If site conditions are favorable, (i.e. meet NAC requirements), staff may approve construction. Adverse conditions require that the owner hire a registered professional engineer to determine site suitability. Percolation tests or soil characterization is required as part of the site evaluation. Any inspections that are performed are done so at the request of the lending institution. Inspections are also performed when a complaint is received. In the case of home sales, the owner can request a Health Division inspection for a cost of \$75.00. The inspection conducted is a visual inspection of the property and discussion with the current owner. More detailed inspections can be conducted by a contractor hired by the homeowner. The State does not require onsite inspectors to be certified.

Permits are issued for onsite systems for new construction, repairs, upgrades or modifications in the State of Nevada. However, these permits are not tracked by the State Health Division.

No funding program exists to assist homeowners either replacing a failing system or installing a new one, and there are no plans to develop such a mechanism. Washoe County has established an assistance program for the Spanish Springs, Nevada area to pay partial costs of connecting existing homes to a centralized sewer system. Questions may be directed to Mr. Pollock, at the address or phone number given above.

Currently, no onsite wastewater demonstration, research, or testing projects are ongoing in the state.