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Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems  
Utah Administrative Code  
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<http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r317/r317-004.htm>

As of March 2006, onsite regulations for the State of Utah were under revision. There are plans to revise the existing codes/regulations including: considering RGFs, monitoring regulations, and other minor rule amendments. Expected effective date is reported to be mid-2006. All rules and regulations apply statewide and can be more stringent at the local level without states approval.

Performance based codes for the selection of any technologies are currently not followed. The State will only consider technologies not listed within code to be used if the existing system is failing and public health is at risk.

Maintenance/management contracts are suggested but not required to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual septic dispersal systems. The State's code is similar to EPA's 5 levels of management in the proposal guidance document. There are no existing management programs currently in operation in the State of Utah.

The State of Utah requires designers, inspectors, and maintainers to be certified. Installers are exempt from certification requirements. The Health Departments in the State or anyone contracted by the designer who is certified are responsible for conducting site evaluations for systems greater than 5,000 gpd before the system is installed. Percolation tests and soil characterization are required as part of the site evaluation process. Depending on the type of system and design capacity, procedures for percolation testing and soil evaluation are provided in the State code.

If an inspection is requested by the homeowner, a representative from the local health department or a certified onsite professional will perform the inspection for a fee.

For single systems less than 5,000 gpd, permits are issued by the local health department. For group/community systems or systems greater than 5,000 gpd, permits are issued at the State level with concurrence of local authority. Permits issued within Utah are not tracked, this includes those for: new construction, repair of an existing system, and upgrade or modification to an existing system. Alternative/experimental/innovative technologies do not require a different permit from those of standard systems; however, alternate systems cannot be permitted until the local health department has applied and received approval from the State to administer alternative systems.

In Utah, SRF monies can be used to assist individual homeowners to replace a failing or malfunctioning system; however, monies are not available to assist homeowners to repair failing or malfunctioning systems or to construct new onsite wastewater treatment systems. For more information regarding availability of SRF monies please contact Mr. John Whitehead (801) 538-6014.

Onsite Training Programs are available through Utah State University please contact:

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There is no onsite wastewater demonstration, research, or testing projects ongoing in the State of Utah.