

15A NCAC 18A .1937 PERMITS

(a) Any person owning or controlling a residence, place of business, or place of public assembly containing water-using fixtures connected to a water supply source shall discharge all wastewater directly to an approved wastewater system permitted for that specific use.

(b) An Improvement Permit, Authorization for Wastewater System Construction (Construction Authorization) and Operation Permit, shall be required in accordance with G.S. 130A-336, G.S. 130A-337 and G.S. 130A-338. Rule .1949 of this Section shall be used to determine whether subsequent additions, modifications, or change in the type of facility increase wastewater flow or alter wastewater characteristics.

(c) An application for an Improvement Permit or Construction Authorization, as applicable, shall be submitted to the local health department for each site prior to the construction, location, or relocation of a residence, place of business, or place of public assembly. Applications for systems required to be designed by a professional engineer and applications for industrial process wastewater systems shall meet the provisions of Rule .1938 of this Section.

(d) The application for an Improvement Permit shall contain at least the following information: owner's name, mailing address, and phone number, location of property, plat of property or site plan, description of existing and proposed facilities or structures, number of bedrooms, or number of persons served, or other factors required to determine wastewater system design flow or wastewater characteristics, type of water supply including the location of proposed or existing well(s), and signature of owner or owner's legal representative. The applicant shall identify property lines and fixed reference points in the field. The applicant shall make the site accessible for an evaluation as required in Rule .1939 of this Section. The applicant shall notify the local health department on the application of the following:

- (1) the property contains previously identified jurisdictional wetlands;
- (2) wastewater other than sewage will be generated; or
- (3) the site is subject to approval by other public agencies.

(e) The application for a Construction Authorization shall contain:

- (1) the information required in Paragraph (d) of this Rule; however, a plat or site plan shall not be required with the application for a Construction Authorization to repair a previously permitted system when the repairs will be accomplished on property owned and controlled by the applicant and for which the property lines are readily identifiable in the field;
- (2) the locations of the proposed facility, appurtenances, and the site for the system showing setbacks to property line(s) or other fixed reference point(s); and
- (3) the proposed system type as specified by the owner or owner's legal representative and that meets the conditions of the Improvement Permit, the provisions of these Rules, and G.S. 130A, Article 11.

(f) An authorized agent of DENR shall issue an Improvement Permit after determining that the site is suitable or provisionally suitable and that a system can be installed so as to meet the provisions of these Rules. The Improvement Permit shall include those items required in G.S. 130A-336(a). An Improvement Permit for which a plat is provided shall be valid without expiration and an Improvement Permit for which a site plan is provided shall be valid for 60 months from the date of issue as provided in G.S. 130A-335(f) and G.S. 130A-336(a). The Improvement Permit is transferable to subsequent owners except as provided in G.S. 130A-335(f) and G.S. 130A-336(a).

(g) The Construction Authorization as provided in G.S. 130A-335(f) and G.S. 130A-336(b) shall be valid for a period equal to the period of validity of the Improvement Permit, not to exceed 60 months. Site modifications required as conditions of an Improvement Permit shall be completed prior to the issuance of a Construction Authorization. The Construction Authorization shall be issued by an authorized agent for the installation of a wastewater system when it is found that the Improvement Permit conditions and rules of this Section are met. The Construction Authorization shall contain conditions regarding system type, system layout, location, and installation requirements. The property owner shall ensure that a Construction Authorization is obtained and is valid prior to the construction or repair of a system. The property owner shall obtain a Construction Authorization prior to the construction, location, or relocation of a residence, place of business, or place of public assembly. If the installation has not been completed during the period of validity of the Construction Authorization, the information submitted in the application for a Permit or Construction Authorization is found to have been incorrect, falsified or changed, or the site is altered, the Permit or Construction Authorization shall become invalid, and may be suspended or revoked. When a Permit or Construction Authorization has become invalid, expired, suspended, or revoked, the installation shall not be commenced or completed until a new Permit or Construction Authorization has been obtained. Revised Construction Authorizations shall be issued for sites where Improvement Permits are valid without expiration in compliance with G.S. 130A-335(f1).

(h) Prior to the issuance of a Construction Authorization for a wastewater system to serve a condominium or other multiple-ownership development where the system will be under common or joint control, a draft agreement (tri-party) among the local health department, developer, and a proposed non-profit, incorporated owners association shall be submitted to the

local health department for approval. Prior to the issuance of an Operation Permit for a system requiring a tri-party agreement, the agreement shall be executed among the local health department, developer, and a non-profit, incorporated owners association and filed with the local register of deeds. The tri-party agreement shall address ownership transfer of ownership, maintenance, repairs, operation, and the necessary funds for the continued satisfactory performance of the wastewater system, including collection, treatment, disposal, and other appurtenances.

(i) No residence, place of business, or place of public assembly shall be occupied nor shall any wastewater system be covered or placed into use until an authorized agent issues an Operation Permit. The Operation Permit shall not be issued or reissued until the authorized agent finds that the system is in compliance with Article 11 of G.S. Chapter 130A, these Rules, and all conditions prescribed by the Improvement Permit, and Construction Authorization. The Operation Permit shall specify the system type in accordance with Table V(a) of Rule .1961 of this Section, and shall include conditions for system performance, operation, maintenance, monitoring and reporting. At the review frequency specified in Rule .1961, Table V(a) of this Section, an authorized agent shall determine whether a system is in compliance with the conditions of the Operation Permit, these Rules, and Article 11 of G.S. Chapter 130A. An authorized agent may modify, suspend or revoke the Operation Permit or seek other remedies under Article 2, Chapter 130A, if the system is not in compliance with Article 11 of G.S. Chapter 130A, these Rules, and all conditions imposed by the Operation Permit.

(j) For a Type V or VI system as specified in Rule .1961, Table V(a) of Paragraph (b)(9) of this Section, the Operation Permit shall expire either;

- (1) 60 months after the Operation Permit is issued for any system installed on or after the effective date of these Rules, or
- (2) 60 months after the effective date of these Rules for any system with a valid Operation Permit issued prior to the effective date of these Rules.

(k) Upon determining that an existing wastewater system including all subsystems and system components in a manufactured home park has a valid Operation Permit and is in compliance with Article 11 of G.S. Chapter 130A, these Rules, and permit conditions, an authorized agent shall issue a written authorization for a manufactured home to be connected to the existing system.

(l) Any person other than the owner or controller of a residence, place of business, or place of public assembly, who engages in the business of constructing, installing, or repairing wastewater systems shall register with the local health department in each county where he operates before constructing, installing, or repairing wastewater systems.

(m) An authorized agent shall prepare a written report with reference to the site and soil conditions required to be evaluated pursuant to this Section. When a permit is denied, the report shall be provided to the applicant. If modifications or alternatives are available, information shall be provided to the applicant. The report shall be signed and dated by an authorized agent of the State.

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