

**15A NCAC 18A .1939 SITE EVALUATION**

(a) The local health department shall investigate each proposed site. The investigation shall include the evaluation of the following factors:

- (1) topography and landscape position;
- (2) soil characteristics (morphology);
- (3) soil wetness;
- (4) soil depth;
- (5) restrictive horizons; and
- (6) available space.

(b) Soil profiles shall be evaluated at the site by borings or other means of excavation to at least 48 inches or to an UNSUITABLE characteristic and a determination shall be made as to the suitability of the soil to treat and absorb septic tank effluent. Applicants may be required to dig pits when necessary for proper evaluation of the soil at the site.

(c) Site evaluations shall be made in accordance with Rules .1940 through .1948 of this Section. Based on this evaluation, each of the factors listed in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be classified as SUITABLE (S), PROVISIONALLY SUITABLE (PS), or UNSUITABLE (U).

(d) The local health department shall determine the long-term acceptance rate to be used for sites classified SUITABLE OR PROVISIONALLY SUITABLE in accordance with these rules.

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