

15A NCAC 18A .1958 NON-GROUND ABSORPTION SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

(a) Where an approved privy, an approved septic tank system, or a connection to an approved public or community sewage system is impossible or impractical, this Section shall not prohibit the state or local health department from permitting approved non-ground absorption treatment systems utilizing heat or other approved means for reducing the toilet contents to an inert or stabilized residue or to an otherwise harmless condition, rendering such contents noninfectious or noncontaminating. Alternative systems shall be designed to comply with the purposes and intent of this Section.

(b) Holding tanks shall not be considered as an acceptable sewage treatment and disposal system. An improvement permit shall not be issued for a sewage holding tank for any new construction. However, an Authorization to Construct may be issued for a holding tank for pumping and hauling of wastewater effluent to a wastewater system approved under this Section when the owner has provided a showing that a malfunctioning system cannot otherwise be repaired by connection to a system approved under this Section or to a system approved under the rules of the Environmental Management Commission. Pumping and hauling wastewater effluent shall be performed by a septage management firm permitted in accordance with G.S. 130A-291.1.

(c) Incinerating, composting, vault privies, and mechanical toilets shall be approved by the state agency or local health department only when all of the wastewater is handled by a system approved under this Section.

(d) Sewage recycling systems which discharge treated waste-water meeting the state drinking water standards may be used only for toilet flushing and recycled sewage shall not be used for body contact or human consumption. Such systems must be approved by the state or local health department.

(e) Chemical or portable toilets for human waste may be approved in accordance with G.S. 130A-335. Chemical or portable toilets shall have a watertight waste receptacle constructed of nonabsorbent, acid resistant, noncorrosive material.

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