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The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the requirements regarding the performance of percolation testing by persons other than certified septic system installers.

Section 5.3. of the [Sewer Systems, Sewage Treatment Systems, and Sewage Tanks Cleaners Rule, 64 CSR 09](#), states: "Percolation tests and other tests, as may be required for installation of a sewer system, shall be performed by persons whose qualifications are acceptable to the director and the tests shall be conducted in accordance with [Sewage Treatment and Collection System Design Standards, 64 CSR 47](#). The person conducting the tests shall certify the accuracy of the results of the tests and the information shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the director."

Section 11.2., of the Rule states: "The director may grant a permit to an individual who installs, constructs, extends, alters his or her own sewer system if the individual passes an examination administered by the director which demonstrates knowledge of applicable rules."

Acceptable qualifications, as referenced in section 5.3. above, include only certified septic system installers, and property owners who successfully complete the "homeowner installer exam". To maintain statewide consistency in this matter, all Local Health Departments are to use the homeowner exam developed and issued by the Public Health Sanitation Division, Onsite Sewage Program.

References

- [64 CSR 09, Sewer Systems, Sewage Treatment Systems, and Sewage Tank Cleaners](#)
- [64 CSR 47, Sewage Treatment and Collection System Design Standards](#)

History

Attachments