



# Rice County Tank Pumping Certificate

PID# \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of pumping \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address \_\_\_\_\_

- Purpose:**
- Compliance Inspection
  - Routine Pumping
  - Existing tank-new system
  - Holding tank
  - Alarm present & functioning

Septic Tank Size: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons Inlet Baffle:

Compartments:  One  Two

Material \_\_\_\_\_

Septic Tank Construction:

- Concrete  Plastic
- Fiberglass  Metal

Intact?  Yes  No

Replaced?  Yes  No

Outlet Baffle:

Material \_\_\_\_\_

Intact?  Yes  No

Replaced?  Yes  No

Gallons removed \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPARATE PUMPING  
CERTIFICATE FORM  
FOR EACH TANK**  
 *additional tanks*

Tank pumped through:

- Maintenance access
- \*Inspection pipe

**\*Tank deemed an IPHT if tank Pumped/Inspected through inspection pipe for purpose of a Compliance Inspection or is a Cesspool**

MPCA Rules 7083.0770; Pumper must obtain a signed statement if owner refuses to allow pumping through maintenance hole

Manhole Covers replaced securely?  Yes  No Diameter of maintenance access: \_\_\_\_\_"

Identify any safety concerns/suggested repairs: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider the above safety concerns an IPHT?  Yes  No

Filter/Screen cleaned  Yes  No  N/A

Access:  within 12"  at surface

Yes - Inlet / Outlet / Center

No

Added to: Inlet / Outlet / Center

Risers: ( existing  added):

Concrete

Plastic

Inspection pipes present?

Yes - on Inlet / Outlet / Center

No

Added to: Inlet / Outlet / Center

The Tank  DOES /  DOES NOT appear Watertight as of today's date

Tank leakage observed below operating depth?  No  Yes = Cesspool/IPHT

Tank leakage observed above operating depth?  No  Yes = requires repairs

Disposal method:  Municipal Facility \_\_\_\_\_

STS Drainback?  Yes  No

Land application site# \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify with my signature as a MPCA-licensed Maintainer that I personally made the observations recorded on this form for the property stated above and that they are accurate as of the date signed to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maintainer name (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
MPCA license number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maintainer signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

*Please submit this record to the homeowner and local unit of government within 30 days of pumping/inspection  
(new MPCA code requires submittal within 15 days)*

## **PUMPING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

A Minnesota state licensed Maintainer (pumper) must be contracted to perform an inspection on all tank(s) as a requirement for a Compliance Inspection. The Maintainer will then make a determination of the tank(s) condition and complete the applicable Rice County/MPCA Pumping Certificate forms for attachment to the Compliance Inspection Report.

*The tank(s) maintenance access (not just the 4" pipe) must be accessible within 12 inches of the ground surface for pumping.*

### ***All tank(s) must be pumped through the Maintenance Access not through the inspection pipe***

This is necessary to perform the Tank(s) Inspection:

1. The size of tank(s) in gallons
2. The condition of all tank(s) for being watertight and not leaking
3. To verify the presence and condition of the inlet and outlet baffles
4. To remove the entire solids accumulation in the tank
5. To determine any other safety/health issues present

**\*\*The tank(s) pumping or inspection cannot be performed if the tank(s) do not have a proper Maintenance Access within 12 inches of the ground surface.**

*Therefore:*

**\*If the tank(s) integrity cannot be determined via a proper inspection, Rice County shall automatically determine the tank(s) condition as being unacceptable/cesspool and the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) will be deemed as posing an Imminent Public Health Threat (IPHT).**

***\*Compliance Inspection reports are required to reflect this determination***

The Rice County Ordinance requires any system posing an IPHT be upgraded, replaced, repaired or abandoned pursuant to applicable requirements of the Ordinance within a period of time to be determined by the Department (not to exceed 10 months) after receiving a Notice of Noncompliance.

If the tank(s) were pumped within the past year, the licensed Maintainer (pumper) may agree to complete and submit a Pumping Certificate based upon such. The tank(s) inspection/pumping may be performed before or after the inspection on the drainfield portion of the system, however, if you do not know how much soil cover is over the top of the tank, the Designer I could probe it for you. If there is an inspection pipe on the tank, you may be able to get an indication of how deep the tank is by measuring from the surface to the liquid level in the tank.

*Work must be completed by a Minnesota-licensed contractor. Please ensure that your contractor is currently licensed. A complete listing of all current Minnesota licensed contractors may be obtained in the Rice County Planning and Zoning office or website [www.co.rice.mn.us](http://www.co.rice.mn.us) or by contacting the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (651)297-1605 [www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists).*

Rice County Environmental Health Services office hours are 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday. My direct contact information is Marilee DeGroot (507)332-6170 or [madegroot@co.rice.mn.us](mailto:madegroot@co.rice.mn.us).