

M Alternate Sewage Disposal System-NSH Approval **aster Requirement SPE 108**



Purpose

To assure that public health and environmental considerations are protected.

Background

It is mandatory to connect to the District of North Vancouver's sewer system if the real property is located within 350 metres of that system.

Subject to approval by North Shore Health an alternate sewage disposal system is permitted where the District's sewer system is greater than 350 metres from the real property.

A building permit application will not be accepted unless the house is connected to the District of North Vancouver's sewer system, to an approved alternate sewage disposal system or a Permit to Construct a Sewage Disposal System has been issued.

Building Additions and Renovations

For building additions and/or renovations North Shore Health will assess whether or not the existing sewage disposal system will accommodate the proposed changes.

If the requirements of the Sewage Disposal Regulation are satisfied North Shore Health will forward a letter and a set of stamped plans to the Building Department and the applicant.

If an existing system requires repair, alteration or upgrade then a permit will be required from North Shore Health. A Sewage Disposal Permit Application will be required if:

1. There is an increase in the daily sewage flow (e.g. addition of bedrooms or potential bedrooms);
2. The addition causes the building footprint to encroach into the existing disposal system; or
3. The inspector (NSH) concludes that the existing sewage disposal system will not accommodate the proposed changes.

New Construction

For new construction the homeowner must make a *Sewage Disposal Permit Application* AND obtain a *Permit to Construct a Sewage Disposal System* from North Shore Health prior to making a building permit application.

Obtaining approvals or permits with respect to alternate disposal systems may add considerable expense and time delays to a project. Potential permit applicants are encouraged to discuss approval and permitting requirements with North Shore Health early in the planning process to avoid unnecessary delays.

Prior to constructing an alternate disposal system homeowners will require District of North Vancouver Environmental approval with respect to the removal and importation of soil, tree cutting and proximity to sensitive aquatic areas.

Requirements

Content: **Building Additions and Renovations**

- An approval letter from North Shore Health and a stamped set of plans; or
- A Permit to Repair a Sewage Disposal System and a stamped set of plans

New Construction

- A Permit to Construct a Sewage Disposal System and a stamped set of plans

Timing: Must be submitted with permit application.

Owner: Obtain required approvals from North Shore Health
Retain appropriate professionals

Related Requirements/Documents/Forms

Building Addition/Renovation Referral - North Shore Health
Sewage Disposal Permit Application Package - North Shore Health

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