



# OWS REVIEW CRITERIA

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### Service Provider Certification

All Onsite Wastewater System (OWS) Reviews shall be performed or overseen by an individual certified in accordance with Utah Administrative Coder (UAC) Chapter R317-11.

**Level 2** Conventional Systems, UAC Chapter R317-560 Systems, Wastewater Holding Tanks

**Level 3** At-Grade Systems, Alternative Systems, Experimental Systems, Pressure Distribution, UAC Chapter R317-400 Systems

### Onsite Wastewater System Review

Any property containing an underground Onsite Wastewater System that undergoes a change in ownership, legal description, size, or receives a new county parcel identification number should undergo an Onsite Wastewater System review.

#### **Malfunctioning or Failing System**

Any components of a Malfunctioning or Failing System that an Owner wants to salvage shall undergo an OWS review.

#### **Drainage System Inspection**

All plumbing fixtures shall be properly connected to the wastewater drainage system. The drainage system shall discharge only to the wastewater system.

The dwelling or facility drainage system shall be visually or otherwise inspected to determine if all pipes exit the building at a point and in a direction consistent with the location of the septic tank.

- Dye testing or other confirmation testing may be required in addition to visual observations.

#### **Septic Tank Inspection**

The septic tank shall be inspected using the operational checklist.

- The septic tank shall be pumped as required by the BOH Wastewater Regulation Section 5.4.

#### **Absorption System Hydraulic Testing**

The absorption system shall be hydraulically tested by injecting an amount of water equal to the daily design load as determined by:

- the permitted design wastewater generation; or,
- UAC §§ R317-4-6.4 Estimates of Wastewater Quantity.

#### **Absorption System Determination/Discovery**

If the system is an Unapproved System or no records exist, an evaluation of the absorption system shall be performed by a Service Provider to determine the following:

- Type;
- Depth of excavations;
- Estimated size;
- Delineation of outside edges;
- As-built drawing.