



County of San Diego
Department of Environmental Health & Quality
Land and Water Quality Division
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REPAIR AUTHORIZATION

Owner Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Site Address: _____ APN: _____

Check appropriate boxes: Repair Addition/Modification

New _____ gallon septic tank. (Existing tank to be pumped by a licensed septic tank pumper and backfilled.)

_____ ft. of leach line: Added to existing system. Replaces existing system.

_____ ft. horizontal seepage pit with _____ ft. cap.

_____ ft. deep vertical seepage pit (overdrill required) with _____ ft. cap.

Other (Specify): _____

COMMENTS: _____

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (To be marked by contractor prior to owner signature)

Permit issued for sewage disposal system **repair** purposes only.

A nonstandard repair has been installed that may limit the long-term performance (See Comments).

No building permits are to be approved that would increase the sewage demand on the septic system, occupancy of the structure, or encroach upon the sewage disposal system because of the limited sewage disposal area available.

Future failure may require engineering evaluation, pumping to a higher elevation, or connection to public sewer because no additional area exists on the site for a standard repair.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Contractor Signature

Date

Environmental Health Specialist Signature

Date

Guidelines and Instructions for Repair Authorization

This guideline was established to provide clear directions on the use of the repair authorization form for septic contractors and Department of Environmental Health & Quality (DEHQ) staff as well as its use as a disclosure notice for the property owner.

Definitions:

Standard Repair – A repair involving the addition of at least 200 feet to an existing leach field or a total replacement of the leach field. The size of the leach field for a total replacement repair must be based on the original percolation test or certification for the lot. A standard repair can also include the installation of vertical or horizontal seepage pits where the site has engineering to demonstrate suitability for the installation of such a system.

Substandard Repair – Any repair that does not meet the criteria for a standard repair. Examples of such repairs can include the installation of undersized leach field additions or total replacements, modified trenches or seepage pits without engineering.

Procedure:

- 1. The septic contractor shall sign the repair authorization form and submit it along with a layout of the proposed repair to the DEHQ for review.**
2. Septic contractor shall evaluate the condition of septic tank and/or disposal field to determine the cause of the failure and what type of repair is necessary. Groundwater concerns may need to be addressed as part of this evaluation.
3. Septic contractor shall make a recommendation for the repair which must include all dimensions and location of the proposed disposal field. A layout of the proposed repair may be required. **In all cases, the septic contractor should strive to provide for a standard repair. If a substandard repair is being proposed, please indicate the reason(s) a standard repair cannot be made in the Comments area.**
4. Septic contractor shall fill out the repair authorization form which must include the property owner and site information along with the details of the recommended repair.
5. In the event a substandard repair is proposed, the septic contractor shall check the special condition boxes on the repair authorization form and have the property owner read and sign the form.
6. An Environmental Health Specialist shall review the proposed repair along with any background information to determine the acceptability of the proposed repair. Where substandard repairs are proposed or inadequate information exists to authorize the repair, a field inspection will be completed by staff. If the proposed repair is not associated with a failed septic system, fees will be required for the field review.
7. At such time as DEHQ determines the acceptability of the repair, the Environmental Health Specialist shall sign the repair authorization form and the property owner or septic contractor can obtain the septic permit for the installation of the repair.