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**M.D. of Bonnyville No. 87**  
**Private Sewage Disposal System**  
**Permit Application**

Sewer Permit Label

**Please call or email the MD office prior to concealment to request an inspection.**  
**A minimum of 48 hours notice is required.**

PSDS Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Type:  Residential Property Owner  Certified PSDS Contractor

Does this installation require building and development permits: Yes  No

Legal Location: PLAN \_\_\_\_\_ BLK \_\_\_\_\_ LOT \_\_\_\_\_ PART \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 SEC \_\_\_\_\_ TWP \_\_\_\_\_ RG \_\_\_\_\_ W4M

Rural Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (acres)

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WE PROPOSE TO DO AN INSTALLATION AT THE ABOVE PREMISES ZONED AS:  New  Replacement  
 Residential  Commercial  Industrial  Institutional  Recreational

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**System Design Criteria:**

Expected daily volume of effluent: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth of Water Table if less than 3m from ground surface: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Softener: Yes  No  Iron Filter: Yes  No   
Reverse Osmosis: Yes  No

**Water Supply Detail:**

Municipal/Community  Dug Well   
Drilled Well  Bored Well   
Casting Depth (Feet): \_\_\_\_\_ Capacity (Gallons): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cistern:  Concrete  Fibreglass  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR INSPECTOR USE ONLY**

The Permit Holder hereby certifies that this installation will be completed in accordance with the Alberta Safety Codes Act and Regulations and shall be commenced within 90 days. The permit may expire in 2 years. Owner's signature/declaration (homeowner permits only) "I hereby declare I am the owner of the premises in which the work will be conducted and reside on the property. I am doing the work myself and assume responsibility for compliance with the applicable Act and Regulations.

Total Permit Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Cheque  Cash  Interac  
 MasterCard  Visa  Invoice Account

Permit Issuer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Issuer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Admin: \_\_\_\_\_  
(6112) (6114)

Safety Code: \_\_\_\_\_ R#: \_\_\_\_\_  
(6113)

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Permit Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The personal information provided in this application package is protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.  
Information supplied in this application package may be used by the Authority having Jurisdiction.

**Site Evaluation Details:**

Date of Site Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of test pits: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Certified Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_  
Design soil texture Classification (attach lab reports and soil bore logs): \_\_\_\_\_

Effluent Loading Rate (gal/sq ft/day): \_\_\_\_\_ Linear Loading Rate (gal/l ft/day) \_\_\_\_\_

**Plot Plan:**

Attach a drawing showing the layout including:

Location and distances of the septic/holding tank/package treatment plant from the house or building, any water sources any bodies of water, property lines, driveways or roadways.

Location and distances of the disposal field from the house or building, any water sources, any bodies of water, property lines and driveways or roadways.

Proposed Treatment and Disposal System:

**Tank Information:**

**Septic**

- Concrete
- Fibreglass
- Plastic
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Holding**

- Concrete
- Fibreglass
- Plastic
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Packaged Treatment Plant**

- Concrete
- Fibreglass
- Plastic
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ CSA Standard # \_\_\_\_\_ Working Capacity (gal) \_\_\_\_\_

**Discharge Information:**

Pump  Siphon

Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Field  Treatment Mound  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_ Gravel-depth (inches) \_\_\_\_\_ Chambers-width (feet/inches) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Length of Perforated Pipe/Chamber (feet): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of runs: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Each Run (feet): \_\_\_\_\_ Trench width (feet): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of trenches: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Area of Trench Bottom (sq ft): \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach completed pressure distribution worksheets, trench bottom worksheets and/or mound worksheets from the Alberta Standard of Practice Handbook to support your system design and sizing.**

**If this sewer system is concealed prior to application approval OR prior to final inspection, pictures of the installation and squirt height test are required to be submitted to the MD and/or the Safety Codes Officer (Inspector). This is to ensure the system has been installed to comply with the Alberta Private Sewage Standard of Practice as well as the Safety Codes Act.**

Section 2.1.2.6 of the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice

- 1) On-site wastewater treatment systems designed under the prescriptive requirements of this Standard shall not receive substances and wastewater that could adversely affect the operation of the system, which include, but are not limited to, the following:<sup>1</sup>
- a. Storm water
  - b. Surface water
  - c. Abattoir waste
  - d. Sub-surface seepage water from weeping tile systems, foundation drains, or subsoil foundation drainage pipes
  - e. Clearwater waste from a hot tub, spa or hydro massage bath that is not of the fill-and-drain design, unless the design of the septic system specifically includes capacity for the additional wastewater flow and instantaneous flow conditions the fixture will cause along with the potential disinfectants in the water
  - f. Clearwater waste from a swimming pool, except that the waste from the area drains around the pool area may discharge into a system
  - g. Commercial or industrial process wastes
  - h. Waste from a water filter or other water treatment device, if the on-site wastewater treatment system has not been designed to receive and treat the discharge from the filter or treatment device <sup>2, 3, 4</sup>
  - i. Wastes from an iron filter (doesn't matter if it uses chemicals or not)
  - j. Other wastes not considered in the design of the system

<sup>1</sup> Intent: Sentence (1) – The wastewater treatment systems identified in this Standard are intended for treating wastewater. Substances, contaminants and wastewater constituents not typically expected in domestic wastewater require special consideration.

<sup>2</sup> Warning: Clause (1)(h) – The use of water softeners and the discharge of regeneration wastes are not specifically prohibited from discharging to an on-site wastewater treatment system. The use of sodium salts in a water softener is generally more harmful to the soil-based treatment component of a treatment system than the use of potassium-based salts. Increased sodium levels will be present in the domestic water used daily in the house, and may be further increased by the inefficient backwash functioning of a water softener that does not control the regeneration by flow volume. High levels of sodium can reduce the effectiveness of the on-site wastewater treatment system and reduce its life expectancy, particularly when it is located in fine-textured clay soils. Sodium occurring naturally in the groundwater or introduced to the water supply by a water softener using sodium salts may affect the ability of the soil to absorb the effluent. High sodium absorption ratio effluent and the presence of expansive clays, such as montmorillonite clay in the soil may cause a soil-based treatment component to fail. Additional considerations from those set out in the Standard may be required.

<sup>3</sup> Note: Clause (1)(h) – The use of potassium salts as a regeneration agent in a water softener is not expected to have the same negative effect on expansive clays as the use of sodium salts.

<sup>4</sup> Warning: Clause (1)(h) – The discharge of waste from water treatment devices can generate large volumes of water that are not included in flow estimates set out in this Standard. They may generate volumes that cannot be accurately predicted or include substances that are difficult to treat or can harm the system and cause a failure.

Clearwater waste, (as defined in the Standard of Practice), from a water softener and/or reverse osmosis system may discharge into a sewage treatment system when the soil-based treatment component of the overall system is sized to receive the additional flow from the water treatment equipment. Clearwater waste from a water softener, reverse osmosis or iron filter that were not part of the initial design, may be separately discharged into a designated drywell. (A drywell is a vertical drainage shaft or chamber constructed with perforations along its wall that aids the drainage of clearwater waste into the surrounding soil. A drywell is surrounded by crushed drainage rock to enhance infiltration capabilities and provides an additional void space for storage)

# **Private Sewage System Design Template**

## **Treatment Mound**

### **PREFACE**

**(Version September 30, 2014)**

**This is a design document for a septic tank and treatment mound system. It reflects the information needed to demonstrate the design considerations for the particular site and system required by the current Private Sewage Standard of Practice have been made. Considerations needed for a particular site may go beyond those used as an example in this document.**

**This document can be used as a template by editing or adding critical information to suit the particular site and system.**

**While it is preferable to use a consistent format to facilitate quick review, other formats of the design may be accepted by the Safety Codes Officer (SCO), if the design includes the required information that shows the necessary design considerations were made.**

**A design is required in support of a permit application. It includes drawings and supporting information as it applies to the specific design. This is the information a SCO will review to evaluate whether design considerations required by the Standard have been adequately made prior to issuing the permit.**

**Including the design in the operation and maintenance manual that must be provided to the owner, will simplify development of the operation and maintenance manual.**

# PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS AND DETAIL.

Date:

Name:

Mailing Address:

City, Province:

Postal Code:

Legal Description of Property: Qtr \_\_\_\_\_ Sec \_\_\_\_\_ Twp \_\_\_\_\_ Rng \_\_\_\_\_ W4M  
Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This private sewage system is for a \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom single family dwelling. The total peak wastewater flow per day used in this design is \_\_\_\_\_ imperial gallons. The average operating flow is expected to be \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per day.

The sewage system includes a septic tank and treatment mound system. This system is suitable for the site and soil conditions of your property. The design reflected in the following applies, and meets, the requirements of the current Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice. The system will achieve effective treatment of the wastewater from this residence.

## 1 Wastewater Characteristics

### 1.1. Wastewater Peak Flow

The development served is a \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom single-family dwelling. Based on the characteristics of the home identified during the review the total plumbing fixture unit load in this residence is \_\_\_\_\_. This requires \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/day be added to the peak daily flow. Fixture unit load is as follows:

- o Main bath = \_\_\_\_\_ fixture units
- o Bathroom with shower off master bedroom = \_\_\_\_\_ fixture units
- o Kitchen sink = \_\_\_\_\_ fixture units
- o Laundry stand pipe = \_\_\_\_\_ fixture units
- o Bathroom in basement = \_\_\_\_\_ fixture units
- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_

Total peak daily flow used in the design is:	_____ Imp.
_____ Imp. gal + _____ Imp. gal = _____ Imp. gal	_____ gal/day

### 1.2. Wastewater Strength

Characteristics of the development were considered to assess sewage strength. No garbage grinders or other characteristics were identified that would cause typical wastewater strength to be exceeded.

Projected wastewater strength for the design is:	BOD 220 mg/L TSS 220 mg/L Oil and Grease 50 mg/L
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### 1.3. Wastewater Flow Variation Considerations

The characteristics of this development indicate wastewater flow volumes will not vary substantially during the day or from day to day. As a result, no flow variation management is needed.

## 2 Site Evaluation Findings

### 2.1 Site Evaluation

The lot is \_\_\_\_\_ acres (\_\_\_\_\_ hectares). The dimensions of the property are shown in the drawing attached in Appendix A. The adjacent land use is \_\_\_\_\_.

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ (type of water supply) and a \_\_\_\_\_ (type of sewage system) on the neighbouring property to the \_\_\_\_\_ (direction north, south, etc).

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of body of water) runs parallel to the \_\_\_\_\_ (direction) property line. The \_\_\_\_\_ (direction) portion of the property has an increased slope toward the \_\_\_\_\_ (creek, river, lake, etc). Seasonally saturated soils were found in the lower slope areas near the \_\_\_\_\_ (direction) property line. Line locates confirmed there are no existing utilities in the area selected for the system components. **The area selected for the system must be kept clear of any utilities to be installed.** No utility right-of-ways or easements were noted on the subject site based on a review of the survey plan attached to this design and as indicated by the owner.

The site evaluation assessed the area within in \_\_\_\_\_ ft (\_\_\_\_\_ m) of all system design components. The slope at the selected treatment site is \_\_\_\_\_%. No significant setback constraints were noted. Pertinent features identified during the site review and the required setback distances are identified on the site plan in Appendix A.

### 2.2 Soils Evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ soil test pits were investigated on this site. Test Pit 1 \_\_\_\_\_.  
Test Pit 2 \_\_\_\_\_. A treatment mound is selected to meet the vertical separation requirements.

Little variability was noted between test pits so they are adequate for design purposes. The location of the test pits are shown on the site plan in Appendix A. Soil profile descriptions of each test pit are attached in Appendix B.

## 3 Key Soil Characteristics and Effluent Loading Rates

### 3.1. Restrictive Layer Considerations

A restrictive layer exists at \_\_\_\_\_ feet below surface as indicated by:

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### 3.2. Limiting Condition For Soil Loading Rate Selection

The key soil characteristic affecting effluent loading is:

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### 3.3. In Situ Soil Effluent Loading Rate Selection

- effluent loading rate for secondary treated effluent on this soil is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/day/ft<sup>2</sup>.

### 3.4. Effluent Linear Loading Rates and Design Considerations

There is a shallow restrictive soil layer at this site. The effluent must move laterally through the soil so linear loading rates must be applied.

- the dominant soil characteristic is \_\_\_\_\_
- infiltration distance to the restrictive layer is \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ feet)
- the slope at the site of the mound is \_\_\_\_\_ %

Linear Loading Rate = \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/day/ft

The mound is oriented at \_\_\_\_\_ degrees to the slope direction to address linear loading.

## 4 Initial Treatment Component Design Details

Details of the initial treatment components required for this design are attached in Appendix C.

### 4.1 Septic and Dose Tank Requirements

#### 4.1.1 Septic Tank

The working capacity of the septic tank specified for this design is \_\_\_\_\_ Imperial gallons. Appendix C includes specifications for septic tank Model \_\_\_\_\_.

The minimum working capacity based on Table 4.2.2.2 of the current SOP for this development is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal [ \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/day plus the additional flow of \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal].

Burial depth of the septic tank at finished grading above the top of the tank will be \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ inches. This tank is rated for a maximum burial depth of \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ inches. Insulation of the tank is not required as the burial depth exceeds 4 feet.

#### 4.1.2 Dose Tank

The dose tank (second chamber) has a total capacity of \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal. In addition to the single dose volume the tank provides approximately \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal emergency storage above the high effluent alarm setting. Specifications provided by the manufacturer are shown in Appendix C.

#### 4.1.3 Effluent Filter

A \_\_\_\_\_ effluent filter having an effective opening of less than \_\_\_\_\_ inch ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) is used. When clean the filter is rated at a head loss of \_\_\_\_\_ feet at a flow of \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/min. A one year service interval is expected with typical flow volumes and wastewater characteristics.

## 5 Soil Treatment Component Design Details

### 5.1 Selection of Soil Infiltration System Design

The system designed for this site is a septic tank and treatment mound.

## 5.2 Treatment Mound Size

Key design requirements:

Expected peak daily flow: \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/day  
Soil loading rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Imp.gal/day/ft<sup>2</sup>  
Linear loading rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Imp.gal/day/ft

Sand layer:

Sand layer length: \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
Sand layer width: \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
Sand layer area: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

Minimum in-situ soil infiltration area:

Soil infiltration surface area: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>  
Minimum soil infiltration width: \_\_\_\_\_ ft [sand layer + downslope berm]

The location of the treatment mound on the property and layout of the laterals are shown in Appendix A and D. The treatment mound sizing worksheets are provided in Appendix E.

## 6 Effluent Distribution Design Detail

### 6.1 Effluent Pressure Distribution

Two \_\_\_\_\_ ft centre fed pressure effluent distribution laterals are used over the sand layer. The calculations are provided in Appendix E on the pressure distribution worksheets. The pressure distribution lateral layout drawing is included in Appendix D.

#### 6.1.1 Effluent Pressure Distribution Lateral Design

The distribution laterals are center fed resulting in four \_\_\_\_\_ ft pressure distribution laterals.

- Each lateral is \_\_\_\_\_-inch schedule \_\_\_\_\_ PVC pipe.
- Each lateral has \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_-inch orifices drilled at \_\_\_\_\_ foot spacing.
- The laterals will be installed in the gravel above the sand layer.
- Orifices will be offset between the two laterals along its length.
- All orifices shall point down and be equipped with an orifice shield.

The design achieves a minimum \_\_\_\_\_ foot pressure head at each orifice, resulting in a design flow of \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/min from each \_\_\_\_\_-inch orifice.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ orifices throughout the effluent pressure distribution system resulting in a total flow of \_\_\_\_\_ Imp gal/min. An additional \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/min is added for the \_\_\_\_\_ inch drain back orifice drilled at the lowest elevation of the effluent piping in the dose tank to achieve drain back of the laterals and supply piping.

Total flow required for the effluent pressure distribution system is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/min (\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. gal/min).

#### 6.1.2 Pressure Head Requirements

The total length of supply piping from the pump to the start of the pressure distribution laterals is \_\_\_\_\_ feet. The supply piping is \_\_\_\_\_ inch \_\_\_\_\_ PVC pipe. The allowance for equivalent length of pipe due to fittings is \_\_\_\_\_ feet of pipe. Total equivalent length of pipe is \_\_\_\_\_ feet. This is detailed in appendix E.



**Pressure head loss due to friction**

The friction loss through the piping at the flow of \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/min is \_\_\_\_\_ feet of head pressure.

Other friction loss considerations required include:

- Allowance for head loss through the effluent filter under partial plugging is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
- Allowance for pressure head loss along the pressure distribution laterals is \_\_\_\_\_ foot.

**Total pressure head required to overcome friction loss is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.**

**Pressure head to meet vertical lift requirements include:**

- A pressure head at each orifice of \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
- Lift distance of effluent from the low effluent level in the tank to the pressure distribution laterals is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

Vertical lift and friction loss results in a **total pressure head** requirement of \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

**Pump specifications:**

Demands for this pressure distribution lateral system are \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/min (\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. gal/min) at \_\_\_\_\_ feet of pressure head.

The pump capacity must exceed these demands to allow for variations in the design and decreased pump performance over time. A \_\_\_\_\_ effluent pump (\_\_\_\_\_ hp) is specified for this system. The pump specifications with the effluent distribution system demands plotted on the pump curve are included in Appendix C.

**6.1.3 Effluent Dosing Volume**

The volume of effluent applied to the sand layer in a single dose needs to be less than \_\_\_\_\_ % of the daily flow, which is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal. The volume of an individual dose must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ times the volume of the pressure distribution laterals, which is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal. The individual dose volume selected is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal.

The volume in the \_\_\_\_\_ ft of \_\_\_\_\_ inch PVC effluent supply line is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal. **Total individual dose volume** determining float settings is \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal [\_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal to fill the effluent supply line and deliver the \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal per dose].

**7 Controls**

All effluent level control floats will be attached to an independent PVC pipe float mast.

**7.1 Effluent Dosing Float Setting**

The dose tank dimensions result in \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gallons per inch of depth. The float control elevations shall be set at:

- \_\_\_\_\_ inches between float off and on elevations (deliver \_\_\_\_\_ Imp. gal/dose).
- Off: \_\_\_\_\_ inches off floor of dose tank
- On: \_\_\_\_\_ inches off floor of dose tank

**7.2 High Liquid Level Alarm**

The high level alarm specified for this system is a \_\_\_\_\_ (manufactured by \_\_\_\_\_).

- Alarm control float is set at \_\_\_\_\_ inches above pump on elevation or at \_\_\_\_\_ inches above the floor of the dose tank/chamber.

## **8 Operation Monitoring Components**

The following components are included in the system design. See detailed drawings in Appendix D for locations.

### **8.1 Monitoring Ports**

Monitoring ports are provided at both ends of the sand layer to enable inspection of the effluent ponding depth that may result.

### **8.2 Pressure Distribution Lateral Clean Outs**

Clean outs are provided at the end of each pressure distribution lateral with access to grade through an access box suitable for its purpose and anticipated traffic.

### **8.3 Sampling Effluent Quality**

Samples of the effluent can be taken from the effluent dose chamber.

## **9 System Setup and Commissioning**

- Clean the septic tank and effluent chamber of any construction debris.
- Flush effluent distribution laterals.
- Conduct a squirt test to assess that residual head pressure required by the design is achieved and that the volume from each orifice is within allowed tolerances.
- Confirm the correct float levels and ensure this delivers the dose volume required by this design.

## **10 Operation and Maintenance Manual**

The Owner's Manual detailing the design, operation, and maintenance of the installed system will be provided to the owner in accordance with Article 2.1.2.8 of the Standard.

**Signature and closing by the designer/installer.**

### **Attachments:**

- Appendix A – Site Information [Site Plan, Property Subdivision Plan]**
- Appendix B – Soil Information [Soil Profile Logs, Laboratory Analysis Results]**
- Appendix C – Manufacturer's and Design Specifications for System Components**
- Appendix D – Detailed System Schematics and Drawings**
- Appendix E – System Design Worksheets**

This design has been developed by ( ) . This design meets the requirements of the current Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice unless specifically noted otherwise and in such case special approval is to be obtained prior to proceeding with installation of this design. *(Carry on with any other qualifications or limitations that in your opinion as the designer/installer are needed.)*

# Appendix A - Site Information

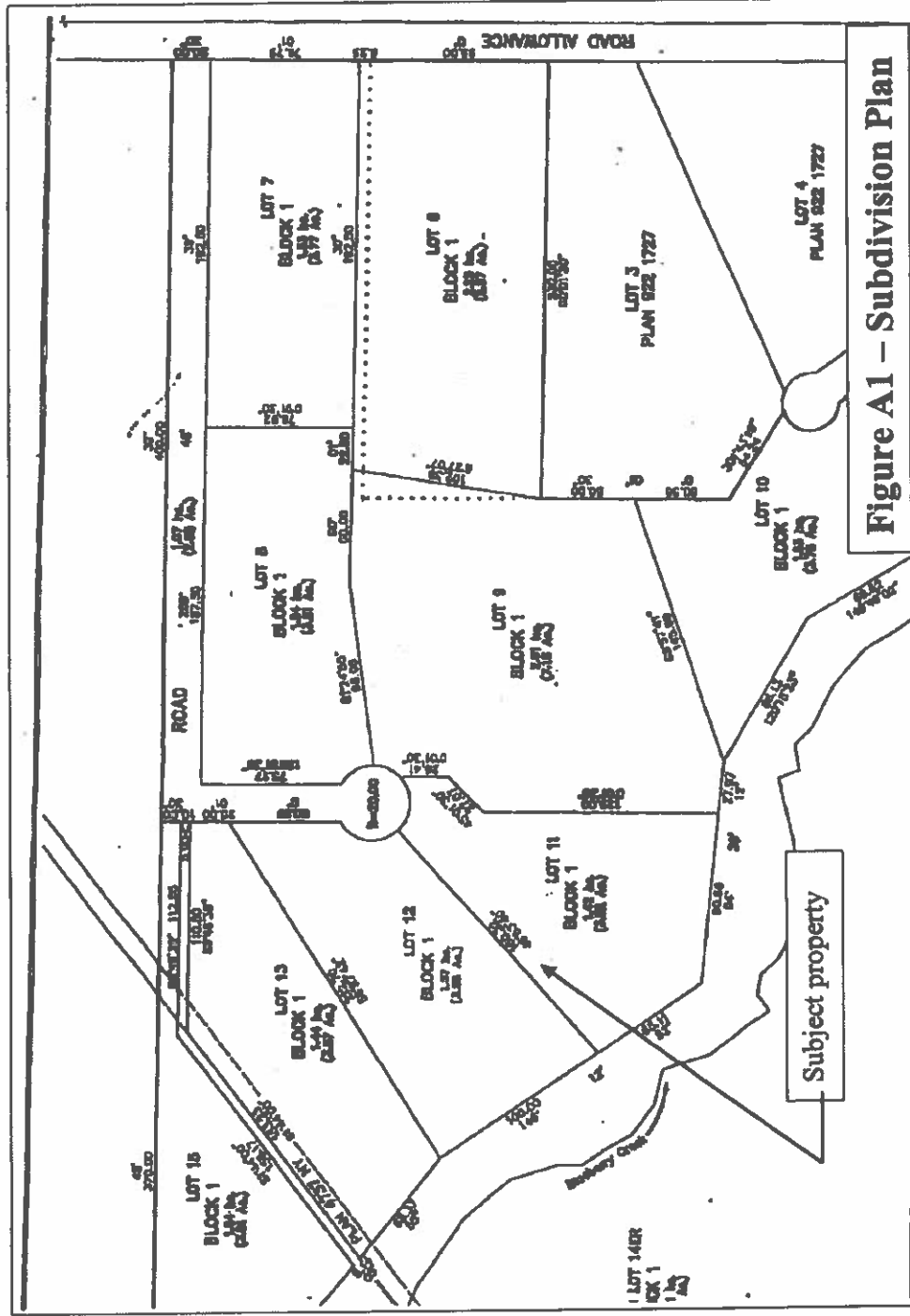
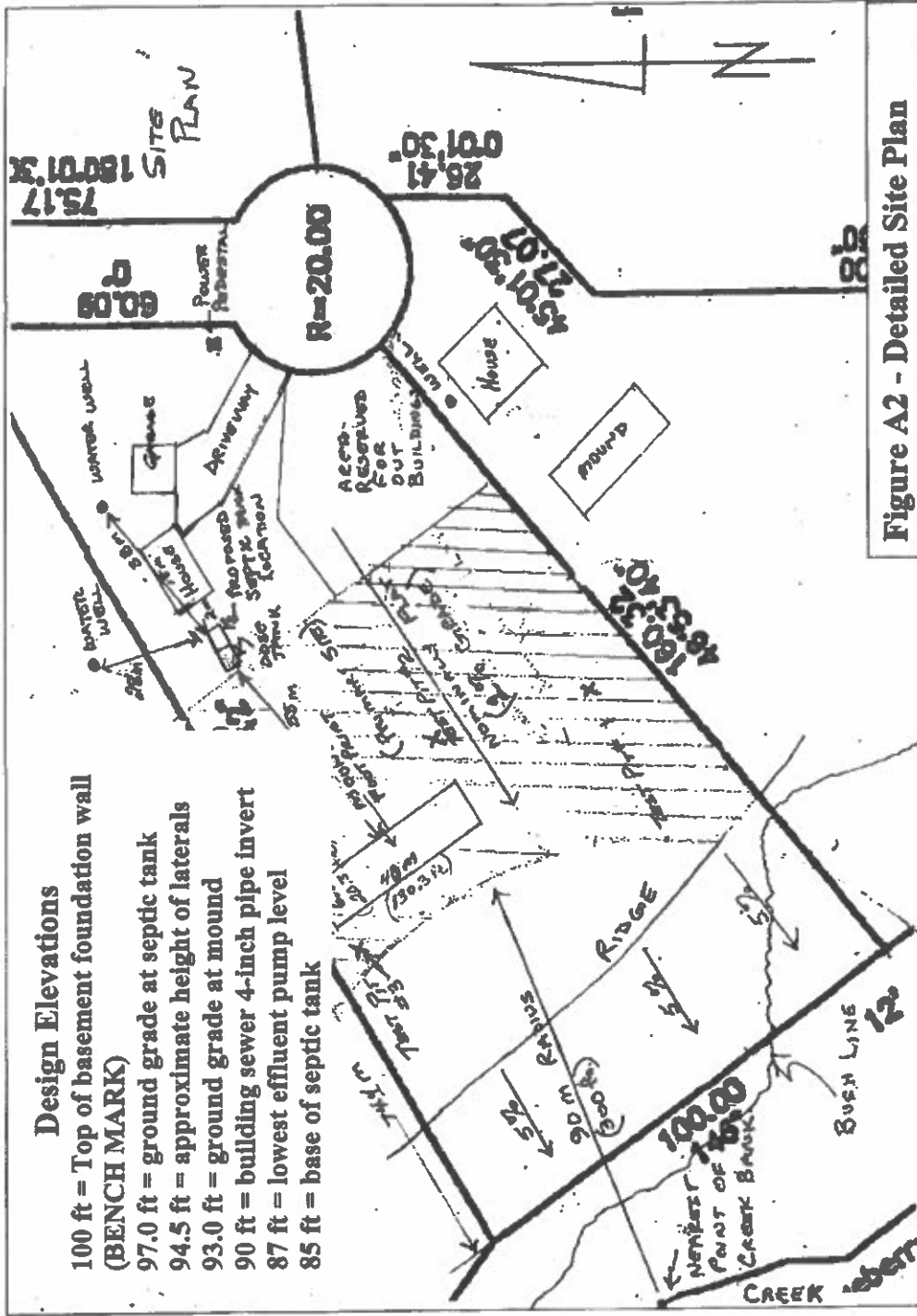


Figure A1 - Subdivision Plan

Insert your own subdivision plan here and label it as above - Figure A1. The one above is just an example.

# Appendix A - Site Information

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Insert your detailed site plan here and label it as above - Figure A2.  
The one above is just an example.

# Appendix B - Alberta Private Sewage Treatment System Soil Profile Log Form

Legal Land Location						Test Pit GPS Coordinates			
LSD-1/4	Sec	Twp	Rg	Mer	Lot	Block	Plan	Easting	Northing
Investigation Date:						Overall site slope %			
Vegetation notes:						Slope position of test pit:			
Test hole No.	Soil Subgroup	Parent Material	Drainage	Depth of Lab sample #1	Depth of Lab sample #2				

Horiz- -zon	Depth (cm) (in)	Texture	Lab or HT	Colour	Gleying	Mottling	Structure	Grade	Consistence	Moisture	% Coarse Fragments
Depth to Groundwater		Restricting Soil Layer Characteristic									
Depth to Seasonally Saturated Soil		Depth to restrictive Soil Layer									
Site Topography		Depth to Highly Permeable Layer Limiting Design									
Key Soil Characteristics applied to system design effluent loading											
Weather Condition notes:											
Comments (such as root depth and abundance or other pertinent observations):											

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Key Soil Characteristics applied to system design effluent loading		
Weather Condition notes:		

Comments (such as root depth and abundance or other pertinent observations):
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**(APPENDIX B)**

**Insert lab analysis results of soil samples taken  
for determining soil texture!**

## **Appendix C - Manufacturer's and Design Specifications for System Components**

### **Septic Tank Specifications and Float Setting Details.**

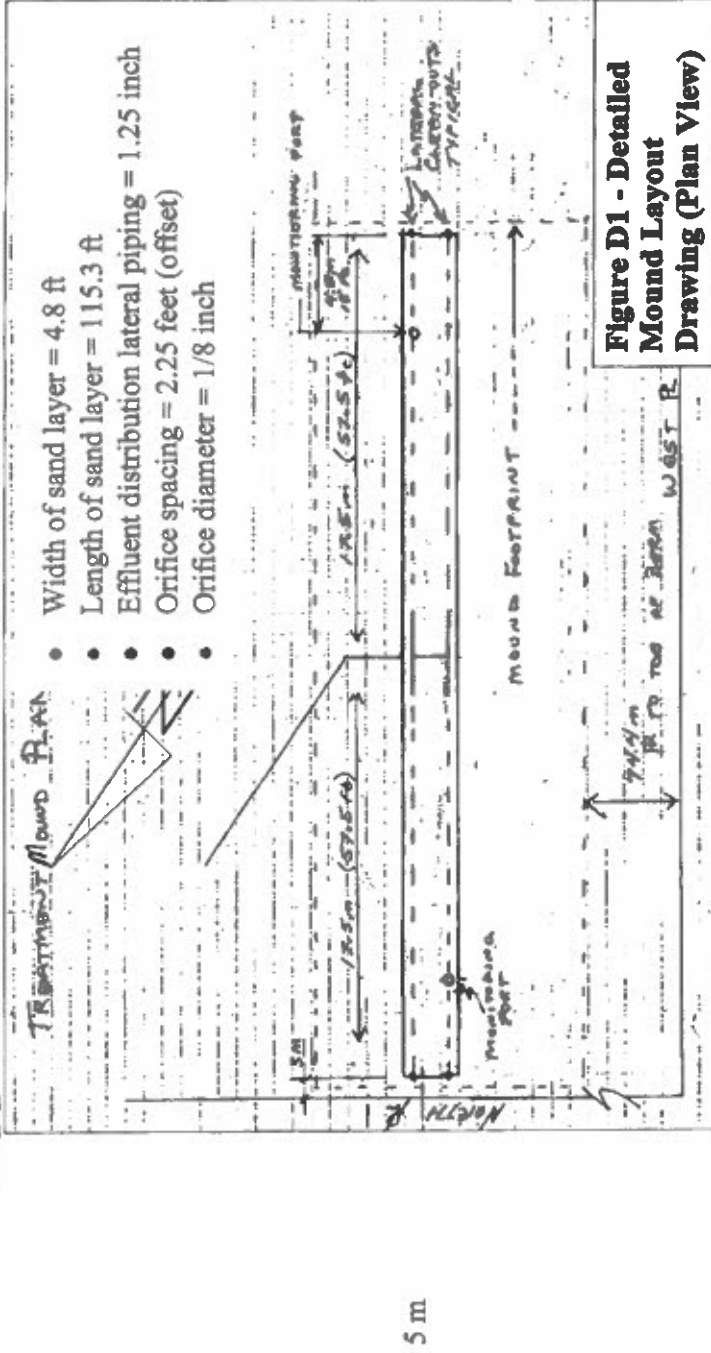
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## **Appendix C - Pump Specifications**

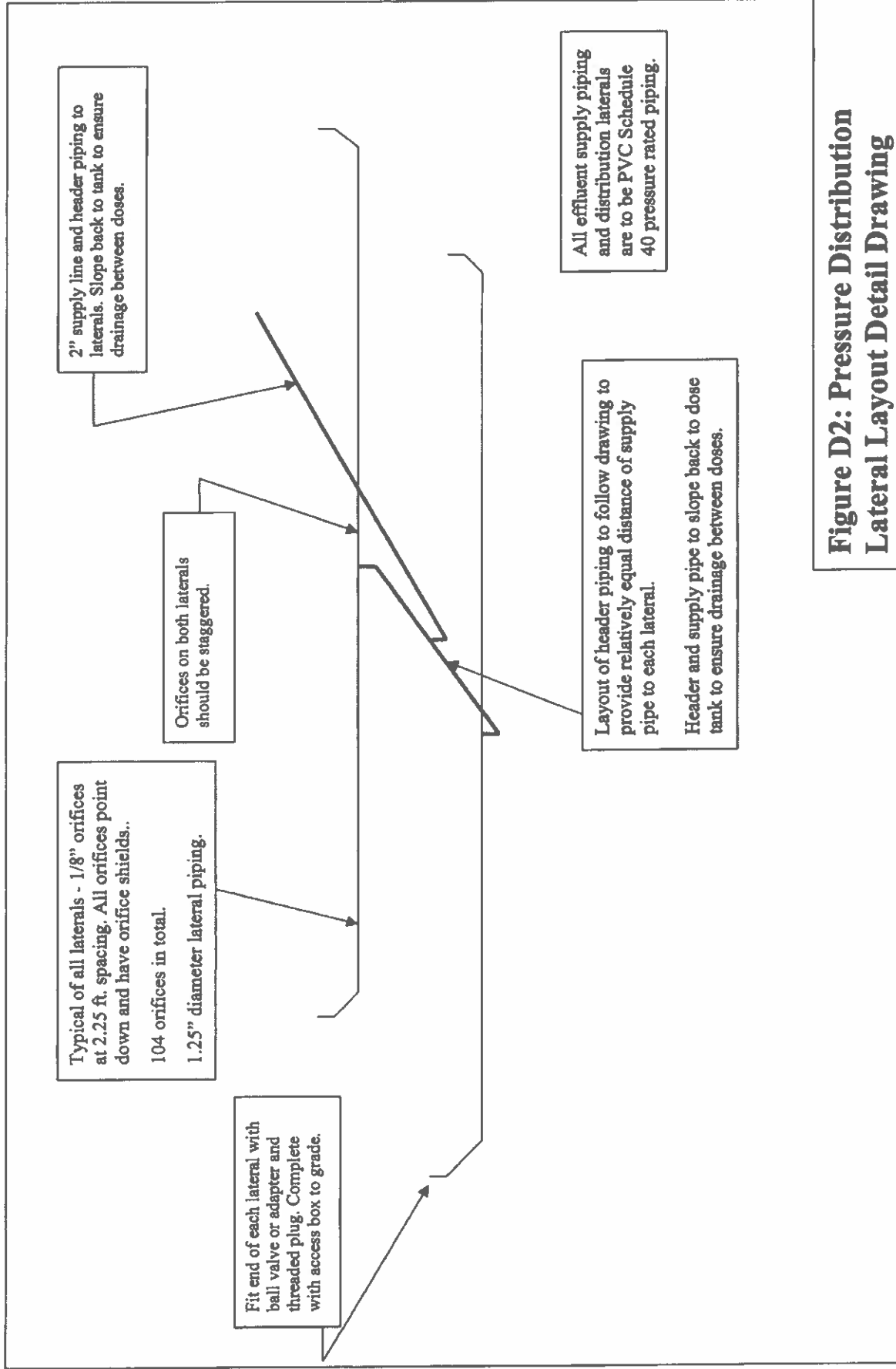
**Insert the specifications pertaining to your pump.  
Refer to the example document to see what it looks like.**

## Appendix D- Detailed System Schematics and Drawings



**Figure D1 - Detailed Mound Layout Drawing (Plan View)**

Insert your detailed system schematics and drawings here and label it as above – Figure D1. The one above is just an example.



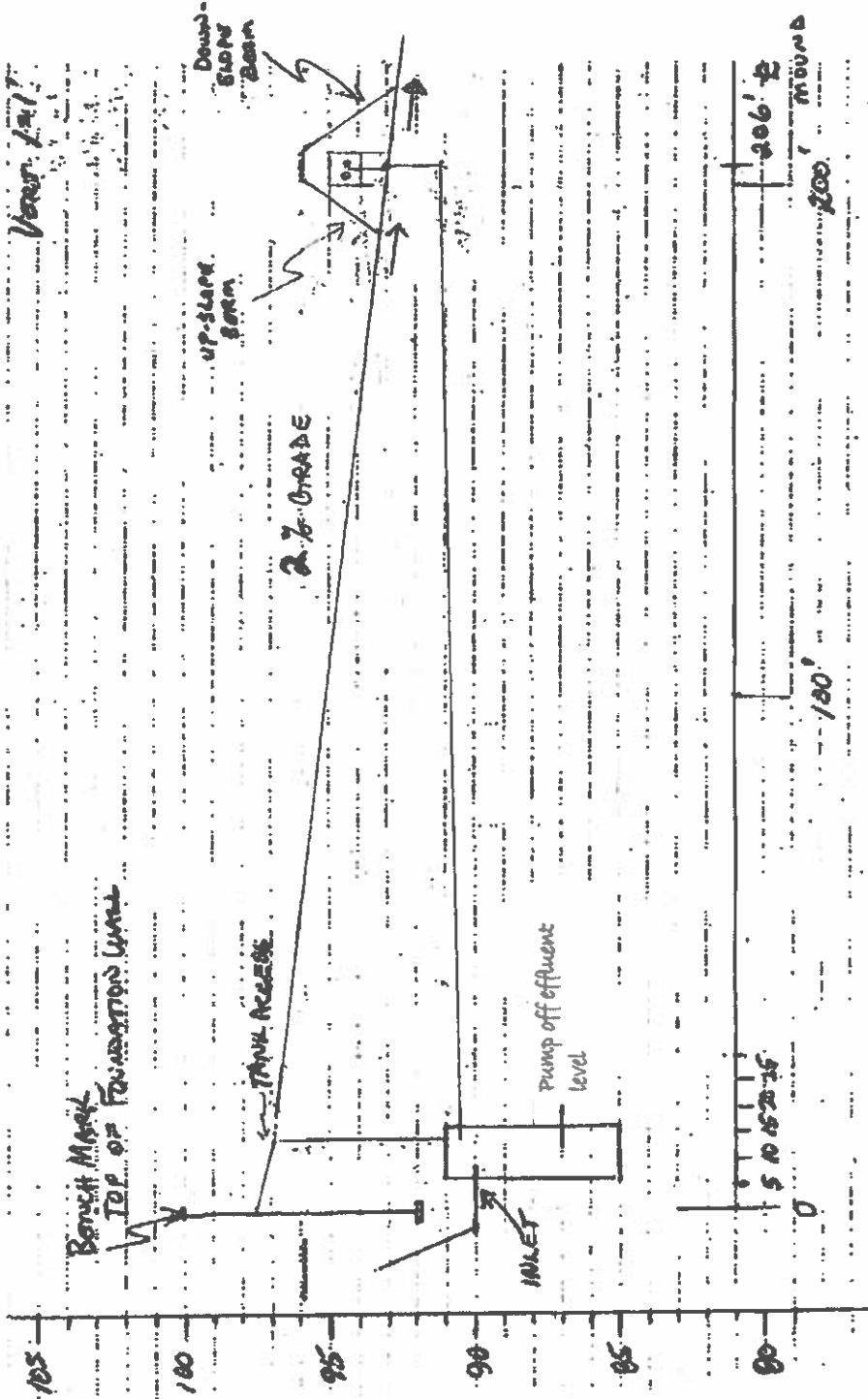
**Figure D2: Pressure Distribution Lateral Layout Detail Drawing**

**Insert the pressure distribution lateral layout detail drawing here and label it as above – Figure D2. The one above is just an example.**

# ELEVATIONS & SYSTEM CROSS-SECTION

Scanner sheet 128

Year 1991



Insert your system elevations & system cross section here.  
The one above is just an example.

## **Appendix E – System Design Worksheets**

**Include Mound Worksheet Calculations, Berm Slope Worksheet and Pressure Distribution, Orifice, Pipe & Pump Sizing Calculation Worksheets**



# PSDS Design - Worksheet "M"

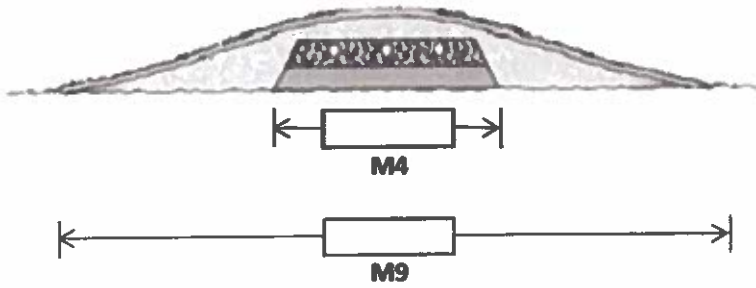
## Treatment Mound: Area Sizing

The complete system is to comply with Alberta Private Sewage Standard of Practice 2015

**This worksheet does NOT consider all of the requirements of the mandatory Standard**

Use only Imperial units of measurement throughout (feet, inches, Imperial gallons, etc...)

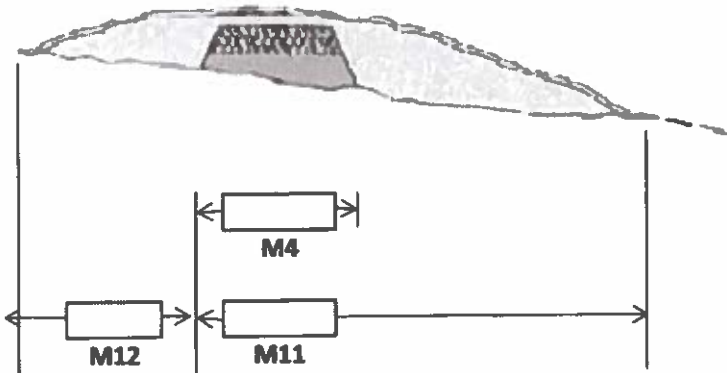
### Level Site



Sand Layer Length (ft.)

Overall Length of Mound (ft.)

### Sloping Site



Slope   
M8



# PSDS Design - Worksheet "M"

## Treatment Mound: Area Sizing

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### Step 1) Determine the expected volume of sewage per day:

Volume of sewage per day. Provide allowance for additional load factors as detailed in Table 2.2.2.3 - (p. 25)

Expected Volume of Sewage  
per Day

Assure that the sewage strength does not exceed the requirements of 2.2.2.1 (1) - (p.21)

	gal. / day	M1
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### Step 2) Calculate the treatment area of the sand layer:

Expected Volume of  
Sewage per Day

Sand Layer Loading Rate

Area Required for Sand Layer

	gal. / day
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0.83 gal. / sq.ft. per day	=		sq.ft.	M2
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	sq.ft.	M2
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From M1 (this worksheet)

Note: Reduction required by 8.4.1.4 (1)(b) or 8.4.1.5 (1)(d)

### Step 3) Calculate the length of the sand layer:

Expected Volume of Sewage  
per Day

Hydraulic Linear Loading Rate  
(if applicable)

Length of Sand Layer

	gal. / day
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	gal./day/lin.ft.
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	ft.	M3
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M3a

M3b

From M1 (this worksheet)

Table A.1.E.1 - (p. 129)

### Step 4) Calculate the minimum width of the sand layer:

Area of the Sand Layer

Length of the Sand Layer

Width of the Sand Layer

	sq.ft.
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	ft.
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	ft.	M4
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From M2

From M3

### Step 5) Determine the infiltration soil effluent loading rate:

Note: Effluent loading rate can be determined from soil texture classification according to 8.4.1.7 (1)(a & b) - (p. 94) and Table A.1.E.1 (pp. 129-130) with consideration for Article 8.1.2.2 - (p. 81)

Soil Effluent Loading Rate

	gal./sq.ft./day	M5
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### Step 6) Calculate the in situ soil infiltration area required:

Expected Volume of Sewage  
per Day

Soil Effluent Loading Rate

Required Soil Infiltration Area

	gal./day
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	gal./sq.ft./day
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	sq.ft.	M6
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From M1 (this worksheet)

From M5 (this worksheet)



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**Step 7) Calculate the required width of the infiltration area:**

Required Infiltration Area

Length of Sand Layer

Width of Required Soil Infiltration Area

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=

M7

sq.ft.

ft.

ft.

From M6 (this worksheet)

From M3 (this worksheet)

**Step 8) Determine the slope criteria of the installation site:**

If the slope of the installation site exceeds 1%, proceed to Step 11. If the slope is 1% or less, proceed to Step 9.

Slope of Installation Site

% M8

**Note: The following calculations apply ONLY to the minimum height configuration of a mound. If it is necessary to raise the sand layer, (for example to provide vertical separation from restrictive layer to the water table) the following calculations are NOT adequate for the design.**

**For Slopes of 1% or Less, Use Steps 9 to 10.**

**Step 9) Determine the toe to toe width of the mound:**

Toe to Toe Width Based on 3:1 Slope Requirement

Width of Area Required Infiltration Area Within Berm

Toe to Toe Width of Mound

or

M9

ft.

ft.

ft.

M9a

M9b

The greater of M9a or M9b

3:1 Slope Requirement - 8.4.2.9.

From M7 (this worksheet)

Refer to Berm Dimensions Diagram (this worksheet or determine by calculation)

**Step 10) Proceed to Step 14:**

Steps 11 to 13 are used only for installations where the slope exceeds 1%.





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**For Slopes Exceeding 1%, Use Steps 11 to 14.**

### Step 11) Determine the width of the sand layer plus downslope berm:

The width of the mound is based on the greater of:

- the width as determined by the 1:3 slope requirement, or
- the width required to provide adequate infiltration area

**Downslope Berm Width Based  
on 3:1 Slope Requirements**

 ft.

**M11a**

Refer to Berm Dimensions  
Diagram (this worksheet)

+

**Width of Sand Layer**

 ft.

**M11b**

From M4 (this worksheet)

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 ft.

**M11c**

**Width of Required Infiltration  
Area Under Sand Layer and  
Downslope Berm**

 ft.

**M11d**

From M7 (this worksheet)

**Width of Sand Layer and  
Downslope Berm**

 ft.

**M11**

3:1 Slope Requirement is the  
greater of M11c or M11d

### Step 12) Determine the width of the upslope berm:

Width based on 3:1 Slope Requirement (refer to 8.4.2.9)

Refer to Berm Dimensions Diagram (this worksheet) or determine by  
calculation.

**Width of Upslope Berm**

 ft.

**M12**

### Step 13) Determine the toe to toe width of the mound:

**Width of Sand Layer and  
Downslope Berm**

 ft.

**Width of Upslope Berm**

 ft.

**Toe to Toe Width of Mound**

 ft.

**M13**



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### Summary

**Step 14) Summarize the information:**

**Width of Sand Layer**  
(From M4 this worksheet)

 ft.

**Length of Sand Layer**  
(From M3 this worksheet)

 ft.

**Slope of Installation Site**  
(From M8 this worksheet)

 %

**Toe to Toe Width of Mound <1% slope**  
(From M9 this worksheet)

 ft.

**Toe to Toe Width of Mound >1% slope**  
(From M13 this worksheet)

 ft.

**Step 15) Complete the berm diagram dimensions on the first page:**

Fill the appropriate diagram on the first page with the numbers calculated in this worksheet.

**Step 16) Confirm the design complies with the Standard of Practice:**

This worksheet does NOT consider all the requirements of the mandatory Standard. Please work safely and follow safe practices near trenches and open excavations.

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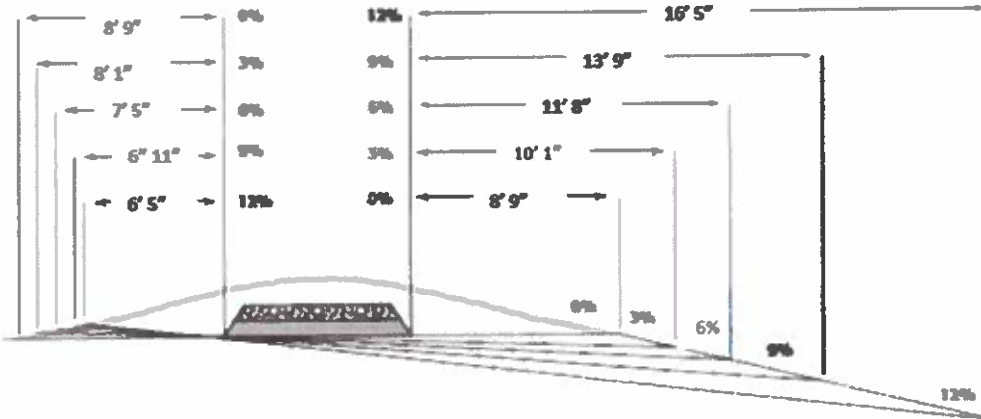
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### Treatment Mound Berm Dimensions on Slopes



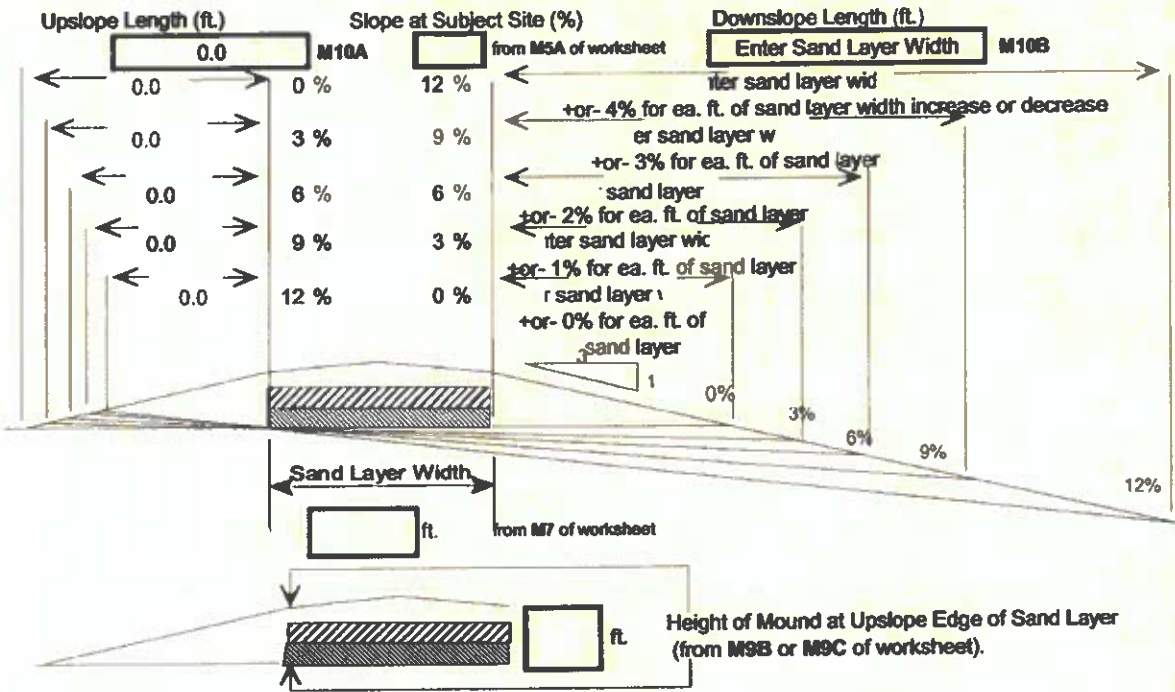
**This Diagram is Based on a Minimum Mound Height and a Minimum Berm Slope of 3:1**



Based on: 3 inches top soil  
6 inches fill material  
12 inches of chamber height  
2 inches of washed rock  
12 inches of sand media  
35 inches of height

Based on minimum height  
requirements from 2015 SOP

### Treatment Mound Berm Slope Distances in Feet



**Upslope Berm distance =** Height of mound at edge of sand layer ÷ (0.33 + [slope% ÷ 100])  
**Downslope berm distance =**  
 (Mound height at upslope edge of sand layer + [sand layer width X (slope% ÷ 100)]) ÷ (0.33 - [slope% ÷ 100])

# Pressure Distribution, Orifice, Pipe & Pump Sizing

This design worksheet was developed by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association.

The completed installation is to comply with Alberta Private Sewage Standard of Practice 2015.

This worksheet is for use in Alberta to: size the orifices in distribution lateral pipes, size effluent delivery piping, and to calculate the required capacity and pressure head capability of the effluent pump.

It can be used for: calculating delivery of effluent to laterals in disposal fields, mounds and sand filters.

**This worksheet does NOT consider all of the mandatory requirements of the Standard.**

**It is intended for use by persons having training in the private sewage discipline.**

Note: Page numbers refer to the Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2015.

Use only Imperial units of measurement throughout (feet, inches, Imperial gallons, etc...).

## Step 1) Select the pressure head to be maintained at the orifices:

Minimum pressure at the orifice:

3/16" or less orifice = 5 ft. Minimum - 2.6.2.5 (1), (p 38)

larger than 3/16" orifice = 2 ft. Minimum - 2.6.2.5 (1) (p 38)

Design pressure at lateral orifices

ft.

P1

Note: worksheet will not provide an adequate design if laterals are at different elevations. Differing elevations will result in a different pressure head and volume of discharge at the orifices in each lateral. Additional considerations must be made for laterals at differing elevations.

## Step 2) Select the size of orifice in the laterals:

Minimum size: 2.6.1.5. (1)(e) p. 37

1/8"

Orifice Diameter  
selected

in.

P2

Note: larger sizes are less likely to plug.

## Step 3) Select the spacing of orifices and determine the number of orifices to be installed in distribution laterals:

Length of Distribution Lateral  
From system design drawings

Spacing of Orifices selected for  
design

Resulting number of orifices  
per lateral

ft.

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ft.

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P3a

Select a spacing of orifices to attain even distribution over the treatment area:

Maximum spacings are determined for :

\* 5 ft. Primary treated effluent: 2.6.1.5. (1)(e) p. 37

\* 3 ft. Secondary treated effluent: 8.1.1.8 & 2.6.2.2 (c) (pp 77 & 38)

\* 3 ft. On sandy textured soils: 8.1.1.8 (p. 77)

X

=

P3b

From P3a

Number of Laterals

Total Number of Orifices All Laterals

If laterals are of differing lengths, calculate each separately and add the number of orifices together.

**Step 4) Determine the minimum pipe size of the distribution laterals:**

Enter the system design information into the 3 boxes below. If distribution laterals are of differing lengths, each lateral must be considered separately.

<b>Orifice Diameter</b> <input type="text"/> in. <b>From P2</b>	<b>Length of Distribution Lateral</b> <input type="text"/> ft. From System Design Drawings	<b>Total Orifices Each Lateral</b> <input type="text"/> <b>From P3a</b>
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Use Table A.1.A. (pp 118 - 121) when applying the information entered in this step to determine the minimum size of the distribution lateral pipe.

<b>Size of Distribution Lateral Pipe</b> From Table A.1.A.	<input type="text"/> in.	<b>P4</b>
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**Step 5) Determine the total flow from all orifices:**

<b>Total Number of Orifices in all laterals</b> <input type="text"/> <b>From P3b</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Gal/min for each Orifice at Head Pressure Selected</b> <input type="text"/> imp. gal /min. From Table A.1.B. (pp 122 & 123)	<b>=</b>	<b>Total flow from all lateral orifices</b> <input type="text"/> imp. gal /min. <b>P5</b>
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**Step 6) Select the type and size of effluent delivery pipe:**

Use Tables A.1.C.1 to A.1.C.4 (pp 124 - 127) to aid in decision. A larger pipe will reduce pressure loss.

<b>Type of pipe used for effluent delivery line</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Pipe size selected</b> <input type="text"/> inch - NPS	<b>P6</b>
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Choose a friction loss from Tables A.1.C.1 to A.1.C.4 in between the bolded lines to ensure a flow velocity between 2 to 5 feet per second. The pipe size selected will affect the amount of friction loss the pump must overcome to deliver effluent.

**Step 7) Calculate the equivalent length of pipe for pressure loss due to fittings:**

Insert total from Worksheet "A" on last page (p.5) of this Pressure Distribution Worksheet	<b>Equivalent Length of All Fittings</b> <input type="text"/> ft. <b>For Pressure Loss</b>	<b>P7</b>
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**Step 8) Calculate the equivalent length of pipe from pump to the farthest end of header of distribution laterals for pressure loss:**

<b>Length of Piping (ft)</b>	<b>Equivalent Length of Fittings (ft)</b>	<b>Length of Pipe for Friction Loss (ft)</b>	
<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	+	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	= <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> <span style="float: right; color: red;"><b>P8</b></span>
Length from pump to farthest end of distribution header supplying laterals.		Equivalent fitting length from <b>P7</b> .	Used to determine total pressure head loss due to friction loss in piping.

**Step 9) Calculate the pressure head loss in delivery pipe including fittings:**

<b>Total Length of Pipe for Friction Loss</b>	<b>Friction Loss per 100 feet of pipe</b>	<b>Delivery Piping Pressure Head Loss</b>	
<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> <small>Divide by 100 ft.</small>	X <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> ft.	= <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/> ft.	<b>P9</b>
<b>From P8</b>		Use Tables A.1.C. On pp 124 - 127 using flow volume from <b>P5</b> .	
Don't forget to divide the length by 100 feet to match the factors in the tables.			

**Step 10) Calculate the total pressure head required at pump:**

Delivery piping pressure loss	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	ft.	<b>From P9</b>
	+		
Lift distance of effluent from effluent level in tank to orifices	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	ft.	Measure from lowest effluent level in tank to elevation of orifices.
	+		
Design pressure at orifices	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	ft.	<b>From P1</b>
	+		
Head loss allowed if an inline filter is used in pressure piping	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	ft.	<b>Explain Pressure Loss Allowed if Applied</b> <input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
	+		
Add 1 ft to allow for pressure loss along the distribution lateral	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px; text-align: center; value: 1;" type="text"/>	ft.	
	=		
<b>Total minimum pressure head pump must provide at Imp. gal/min required to supply orifices</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	ft.	<b>P10</b>

**Step 11) Select the size of the drain back orifice if used and determine the flow from the drain back orifice. Then calculate total flow requirement for pump:**

<p><b>Size of Drain Back Orifice</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">in.</p>	<p><b>Determine flow using Head Pressure at Drain Back Orifice</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Imp. gal /min</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Use pressure head from P10 to find flow from Extended Table A.1.B.1</p>	+	<p><b>Flow from all lateral orifices</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Imp. gal /min</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">From P5</p>	=	<p><b>Total Imp. Gallons per Minute from the pump</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Imp. gal /min</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">P11</p>
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**Step 12) Details of the pump specifications required:**

<p><b>Required Flow Rate (Imp. gal/min)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">From P11</p>	@	<p><b>Required Pressure Head (ft)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">From P10</p>
<p>Imp. gal (P11) multiplied by 1.2 = U.S. gallons</p>		<p><b>Required Flow Rate (US gal/min)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>

Select the appropriate pump by reviewing the pump curve of available pumps. Select a pump that exceeds the requirements set out in this step by approximately 10% considering both pressure head and volume.

**Step 13) Consider the pumping demands of the system. If they are considered excessive, redesign the pressure distribution system and recalculate the pump demands.**



**Worksheet "Appendix A" Determine Equivalent Length of Pipe due to fittings in piping system.**

Determine the equivalent length of pipe to allow for friction loss due to fittings in the piping system:

	Number of Fittings		Friction loss as per Table A.1.C.5 or 6 (p. 128)		Total
90° Elbows		X		=	
					+
45° Elbows		X		=	
					+
Gate and Ball Valves		X		=	
					+
Tee-on- Branch (TOB)		X		=	
					+
Tee-on-Runs (TOR)		X		=	
					+
manhole pipe Adaptors (M/F Threaded Adaptors)		X		=	
					=
Total Equivalent Length of pipe to allow for fittings in piping system					
(Enter this total, Box P7)					