



To: Mills County
From: Cory Frank, Onsite Wastewater Coordinator
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Re: GUIDELINES RELATED TO ABANDONMENT OF A PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Chapter 567 IAC 69 requires that all private sewage disposal systems must be properly abandoned. The administrative rules prescribe that this be done to protect ground water resources as well as promote public safety.

Paragraph 567 IAC 69.1(3)d General regulations.

Private sewage disposal systems that are abandoned shall have the septic tank pumped, the tank lid crushed into the tank, and the tank filled with sand or soil.

Any septic tanks or pump vaults, ATUs, or other packaged treatment media filters that are constructed of a non-concrete material such as fiberglass, plastic, or other like materials shall be pumped and removed and disposed of at a sanitary landfill as solid waste. In addition any pumps or electrical control panels must be removed and recycled or placed at a sanitary landfill.

Concrete septic tanks, pump vaults, pump tanks or concrete chambers: Contents shall be pumped by a licensed commercial septic pumper and disposed of at a POTW (Publically Owned Treatment Works) or land applied in accordance with Chapter 567 IAC 68. The concrete structure if applicable shall be crushed and filled with soil or other suitable fill material. The bottom should be broken to ensure that the tank or other vault does not retain water and become a hazard.

Fiberglass or plastic septic tank/pump vaults: Contents shall be pumped by a licensed commercial septic pumper and disposed of at a POTW (Publically Owned Treatment Works) or land applied in accordance with Chapter 567 IAC 68. The tank must then be removed and disposed of at a sanitary landfill.

Electrical pumps, pump vaults, control panels, wiring: Items shall be disposed properly either at a recycling facility or at sanitary landfill and must not be buried as solid waste on the subject property.

All other treatment components that are buried and part of a private septic system may also be removed if accessible, but are not required to be removed nor addressed within Chapter 567 IAC 69. Local ordinances may be more restrictive than Chapter 567 IAC 69 and require additional removal.

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