

## NON-STANDARD ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**WLS-043** 

## **PURPOSE**

To ensure property owners are aware and understand that, under the County Code, non-standard Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) have additional permitting and monitoring requirements.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

All OWTS require an OWTS permit. Additionally, property owners of non-standard OWTS must obtain a separate Operational Permit pursuant to Sonoma County Code Section 24-33. This separate permit is required by the County Code and also implements requirements imposed by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

As part of the non-standard OWTS permit, property owners are required to:

- A. Apply for a separate Operational Permit prior to final approval of the non-standard OWTS permit. While the non-standard OWTS permit may be issued, the failure to apply for and obtain the Operational Permit may also result in other permit delays. Building permits related to the non-standard OWTS cannot be given final approval until the non-standard OWTS permit is given final approval. In turn, the non-standard OWTS permit cannot be given final approval until Permit Sonoma receives a complete Operational Permit application.
- B. Provide Permit Sonoma all required documentation and deposits for an Operational Permit application including:
  - 1. a complete Operational Permit application form,
  - 2. payment of required Operational Permit fees,
  - 3. an Operational Permit site plan, and
  - 4. a signed and notarized Operational Permit Easement document.

The Operational Permit site plan must comply with Permit Sonoma standards for an Operational Permit application. The Operational Permit Easement will need to be on a county form and grant a right of access to the property (and any adjacent properties that contain easements encompassing any portion of the non-standard OWTS) to Permit Sonoma staff and Regional Water Quality Control Board staff to inspect and monitor the non-standard OWTS. The Operational Permit Easement document also identifies conditions applicable to the operation of the installed non-standard OWTS.

- C. Maintain a valid Operational Permit which includes paying annual fees, submitting required periodic monitoring information to Permit Sonoma, allowing Permit Sonoma staff access to inspect the non-standard OWTS, complying with the Operational Permit conditions that apply to the type of non-standard OWTS, and using an approved service provider for the life of the non-standard OWTS, if the OWTS has a pretreatment device. The failure to maintain a valid Operational Permit is a violation of the County Code.
- D. Notify the subsequent owner of property listed below of the requirements described in this acknowledgement.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I am the owner of the property listed below and I further acknowledge and accept the requirements listed above related to my application for a non-standard OWTS.

Property Address (Street Number, City, State, Zip Code)	
Owner Name (Print)	Assessor's Parcel Number
Owner Signature	

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