

7077.0286 COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION AND INITIATION OF OPERATION; WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

Subpart 1. **Construction reporting requirements.** At least 60 days before the scheduled initiation of operation, the municipality shall submit to the commissioner, as appropriate:

A. evidence that the municipality has a wastewater treatment facility operator, certified for the classification of the treatment system according to chapter 9400, directly responsible for the operation of the system; and

B. an operation and maintenance manual or a maintenance plan for the commissioner's approval, or a certificate of completion of an operation and maintenance manual on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

Subp. 2. **Prefinal inspection.** The municipality must notify the commissioner in writing when it is ready to initiate operation and request that a prefinal inspection be scheduled before initiation of operation can occur. The purpose of this inspection is to identify construction deficiencies and to set target dates for completion of construction items.

Subp. 3. **Initiation of operation.**

A. Before initiation of operation will be approved, a prefinal inspection must be held and the commissioner must approve the initiation of operation date. Systems with an NPDES or SDS permit must also have the items under subpart 1, item A, completed and subpart 1, item B, approved by the commissioner.

B. After initiation of operation, the municipality must notify the commissioner in writing of the initiation of operation date within ten days following initiation of operation.

C. The date of initiation of operation is the first day of the one-year performance period.

Subp. 4. **Final inspection.** A final inspection of the wastewater treatment system shall be performed by agency staff when all the construction is complete except for minor weather-related components. The purpose of the inspection is to verify that construction is complete and conforms with the approved plans and specifications and change orders. The municipality shall request that a final inspection be performed when it believes construction is complete.

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