



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mississippi State Board of Health

FROM: Jim Craig, Senior Deputy, Director
Health Protection

DATE: November 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Final Adoption of Amendments to the On-site Wastewater Regulations

Mississippi Code Annotated §41-67-3 provides authority for the State Board of Health to adopt, amend, promulgate, and enforce rules, regulations, and standards with respect to the design, installation, and maintenance of Individual On-site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems in the State of Mississippi.

The Department requested that the Wastewater Advisory Council advise the Department as to specific parameters for holding tank usage. Law allows for their use (Mississippi Code Annotated §41-67-11 (2) specifically), however no rules are currently in regulation to specify requirements. The Wastewater Advisory Council and the Department worked together to develop the attached rules in order to codify minimum standards relating to holding tanks.

These changes requires modifications to the On-site Wastewater Regulations. Attached you will find a summary of modifications table that will indicate the rule number being changed, justification and a copy of the rules referenced. These proposed amendments have been filed for public comment in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. An oral proceeding on these amendments is scheduled for December 10th, 2019 at 10:30 AM in the Osborne Auditorium.

Please note that the staff recommendation below may be adjusted if relevant changes are introduced during the public comment period.

Staff concurs with the proposed amendments and requests that the State Board of Health approve these amendments.

Thank you for considering these amendments.