

**AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES-PLANNING & ZONING**  
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7/27/2022

Keith Kunkel  
PO BOX 554  
McGregor, MN 55760

Re: Operating Permit #790  
Zoning Permit # 2022-9206  
Parcel # 29-1-117600

Dear Permittee:

Enclosed is the Operating Permit for an "Other" Septic System (formerly Experimental, Performance, Etc.) that you are petitioning Aitkin County to allow to be installed on your property instead of a standard system. Please review this permit thoroughly and become acquainted with all of the conditions, then sign the operating permit and return it to the address above.

**One provision that is often overlooked by homeowners is the State of Minnesota requirement that a water meter or other flow measuring device be installed and the results recorded by the homeowner on a REGULAR basis.**

You will receive an annual reminder notice on how to renew your operating permit before the renewal expiration deadline. This reminder notice will ask that you provide:

- 1) Recorded water meter readings**
- 2) Annual Compliance Inspection report**
- 3) Renewal application and fee**

The Service Provider/Qualified Individual is privately hired by you, the landowner. The Service Provider/Qualified Individual must review the septic system on an annual basis. This annual review would be a great opportunity to review the conditions of the Operating Permit.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

Thank you,  
Aitkin County Planning & Zoning

Enclosure: Operating Permit App

# AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## OPERATING PERMIT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPERSAL

**OPERATING PERMIT #:** 790  
**ZONING PERMIT #:** 2022-9206  
**PARCEL #:** 29-1-117600  
**PERMITTEE:** Keith Kunkel

**ORIGINAL DATE ISSUED:** 7 /27/2022  
**RENEWAL PERIOD:**  
**EXPIRATION:** 9 /30/2024

**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO BOX 554  
McGregor, MN 55760

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
48420 207th Ave  
McGregor, MN 55760

**TELEPHONE:** (612) 308-1286

**LEGAL:** LOT 16 BLK 26 INDIAN PORTAGE

**FEE PAID:** 150      **DATE PAID:** 7 /18/2022      **INVOICE #:** 55647      **CK #:** card

Aitkin County Environmental Services authorizes the Permittee to operate a wastewater treatment and dispersal system located on the above described property in accordance with the requirements of this permit.

This permit is effective on the issuance date identified above. This permit and the authorization to treat and disperse from the above system shall expire on the above expiration date. The Permittee is not authorized to discharge after the above date of expiration. The Permittee shall submit such monitoring information as required by Aitkin County Environmental Services no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date. When the required information is submitted and approved by Aitkin County Environmental Services, the permit may be renewed. This permit is not transferable from owner to owner.

**I hereby certify with my signature as the Permittee that I understand the provisions of this operating permit including maintenance and monitoring requirements. I agree to indemnify and hold Aitkin County harmless from all loss, damages, costs and charges that may be incurred by use of this system and if I fail to comply with the provisions of this Operating Permit. If I sell this property during the life of the permit, I will inform the new owner(s) of the permit requirements and the need to renew the operating permit.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Permittee**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Permitting Authority**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

If you have any questions regarding this permit, including the specific permit requirements, permit reporting or permit compliance status, please contact Aitkin County Environmental Services at 218-927-7342.

**A. DESCRIPTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPERSAL SYSTEM**

SYSTEM WILL GRAVITY FLOW FROM THE HOUSE TO A 1650 GAL. COMBO TANK. PUMPED INTO A 2 BEDROOM "OTHER" MOUND SYSTEM WITH 3' SANDBASE.

**B. PERFORMANCE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS:**

During the period beginning on the effective date (issuance date) of this permit and lasting until this permit's expiration date, the Permittee is authorized to discharge from the wastewater treatment unit to subsurface dispersal. No surface discharge is permitted. The following parameters must be monitored and the results must be found within the compliance limits.

PARAMETER	COMPLIANCE LIMIT	SAMPLE LOCATION	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	REPORTING FREQUENCY
Seperation Distance	3 FT	DRAINFIELD	Annually	Measure in Field	AT ANNUAL RENEWAL
Flow	300 GPD	EVENT COUNTER	MONTHLY BY OWNER	Record on a Log Sheet	ANNUALLY TO AITKIN CO.

**C. MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

PARAMETER	LOCATION	FREQUENCY
Flow	Event Counter	Record monthly, Report Annually
Inspect discharge/leaking	Dispersal System	ANNUALLY
Inspect Effluent Filters	Septic tank(s)	ANNUALLY
Solids Removal & Water Tightness	Septic tank(s)	ANNUALLY

**D. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Monitoring results obtained during each calendar year shall be submitted no later than May 31st of that year to:

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Aitkin, MN 56431

The monitoring reports shall be signed by the Permittee. Copies are to be retained by the Permittee. Any sampling and laboratory testing procedures shall be performed in accordance with Standard Methods at a Minnesota Department of Health approved laboratory. All sampling and testing costs shall be the responsibility of the Permittee. Monitoring plans may be modified as necessary and reapproved by Aitkin County Environmental Services.

The Permittee shall notify Aitkin County Environmental Services within thirty (30) days when monitoring results do not meet the monitoring plan requirements of this permit.

The owner has secured the services of **ERNIE DARLOW** as the Service Provider or qualified individual for this system. The Service Provider or qualified individual is hereby authorized to report the required monitoring data and routine maintenance service records to Aitkin County Environmental Services.

**E. MITIGATION PLAN:**

REPLACE SYSTEM WITH NEW IF IT FAILS. BACKUP LOCATION IS IN FRONT YARD, ROAD SIDE.