



GENERAL PERMIT FOR SYSTEM ABANDONMENT

Property Owner:
Agent
License Number:
Permit Number:
Facility ID:
Expiration Date:
Parcel Number:
Property Address:
City, State, ZIP:
County:

Dear [Applicant Name]:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) reviewed your notice of intent to abandon an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) at the above referenced property and does not object to your use of this general permit.

Please note the requirements below apply to your use of this general permit. The abandonment must be performed in full compliance with Rule 62-6.011, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and the description contained in your notice of intent. Any deviation or failure to comply may subject the permittee to enforcement action and possible penalties.

If you have any questions, please contact [Service hub contact].

Requirements for Use of the General Permit for OSTDS Abandonment:

1. **Submission of notice of intent:** The property owner or authorized agent must submit a notice of intent to abandon the system and receive approval under this general permit prior to commencing work. The notice of intent must provide the required information stated in subsection 62-6.011(2), F.A.C.
2. **Pump-Out of Tank:** The system must be pumped out by a permitted septage disposal company. A pump-out receipt must be included with the Notice of Completion, below. If the tank is dry at the time of abandonment, a written certification to that effect must be provided by the septage disposal company, licensed septic tank contractor, or plumber.
3. **Tank Destruction or Removal:** The bottom of all tanks shall be ruptured, or the entire tank collapsed, to prevent water retention. Alternatively, tanks may be removed from the site following the procedures in subsection 62-6.015(6), F.A.C., for spoil material.

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4. Filling of Tank: The abandoned tank must be filled with clean sand or suitable material and completely covered with soil.
5. Photographic Documentation: The contractor must submit photographic documentation as required by subsection 62-6.011(2), F.A.C., showing each stage of the abandonment process. Photos must be provided in a standard digital format with metadata (date, time, location).
6. Certification of Completion: The contractor must submit a certification to the Department that the abandonment was performed in compliance with Rule 62-6.011, F.A.C. The certification form is provided below and must be completed upon job completion.
7. Construction Permit in Lieu of General Permit: If any of the above requirements cannot be met, the applicant must instead apply for an abandonment construction permit from the Department. In such cases, the general permit is not valid, and the abandonment is not complete until the Department or Private Provider Inspector has conducted an inspection and verified compliance.
8. Permit Expiration: This general permit will expire 18 months from the date of issuance and after submission of the required fee. If OSTDS abandonment is not completed before the general permit expires, a new permit must be obtained.

Contractor Certification of OSTDS Abandonment Completion

I, the undersigned registered septic tank contractor, master septic tank contractor or licensed plumber, hereby certify that the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system located at:

Facility ID:

Property Address:

County:

has been properly abandoned in accordance with the requirements of Rule 62-6.011, F.A.C. and the conditions of this general permit.

Contractor/Plumber Name (Print):

License Number:

Company Name:

Signature:

Date of Completion: