

Home Septic System Site Evaluation And Replacement System Design

For

Virginia Wysong

11865 Sylvania Ave. Berkey, OH 43504

Property Location:

11865 Sylvania Ave. Berkey, OH 43504

Richfield Township, Lucas County

NPDES - Jet J500 ATU & Spoerr 750gal Dose Tank W/ UV Disinfection & Reaeration

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To The Homeowner:

A septic system is designed based on all the information you provide and Geophyta Inc collects at the site. It must be accurate. This information includes local soil limits and topography, plus existing and future locations of your home, number of bedrooms, out buildings, driveways, drinking water wells, ponds, septic systems, and property lines. Geophyta Inc. relies on this information to construct detailed design drawings that must meet local health department regulations before installation.

Any design changes required by the local health department to meet existing regulations are the responsibility of Geophyta Inc.

Any information changes made by you after the initial site inspection are your responsibility and will result in additional charges to you above the original quote for services. These charges may include additional site inspection work, system redesign, and resubmitted drawings.

To The Installer:

The registered installer of this septic system design is responsible for preparing an "asbuilt" record, as stated in the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-29-09, Par. F (p.32) of the "Sewage Treatment System Rules," Ohio Department of Health, January 1, 2015. Additionally, the installer is responsible for measuring and recording distal pressure head and float switch settings as baseline measures for future operation and maintenance of any pressure distribution system (3701-29-15, Appendix B, Par. VI(p.93) of above referenced rules.

If the installer requests "as-built" record creation from Geophyta Inc., additional charges will be billed to the installer by Geophyta Inc. and must be arranged prior to installation.

Geophyta Inc. must assume that any registered installer has the knowledge, equipment, ability, and experience to properly layout, install, and create as-built drawings for any septic system design approved by a local board of health. This includes the ability to read detailed design prints with an associated bill of materials. For this reason, any Geophyta Inc project supervision prior to or during installation will be billed to the installer.

Any product substitution made by the installer that is not specifically permitted in the design prints may result in Health Dept. disapproval and will result in additional redesign costs billed to the installer.

HSTS Site/Soil Evaluation Information Sheet, Geophyta, Inc.

Customer:

Name:	VIRGINIA L. WYSONG
Address:	11865 SYLVANIA AVENUE
City, State:	BERKEY 0410 43504-9782
Home Phone:	419-829-3471
Cell Phone:	
Email:	VLW 1221@BEXINET

Property:

Parcel#:		
Current Owner:	Dame as about	
Address:		
City, State:		-
Lot Size:	100' x 235'	-
Right of Ways?	no	
Easements?	no	

Existing or Proposed or Lot Split: (circle one)

House Size: Rooms	3 b	edrooms		electric:	overhead or buried
House Dim.w/Garage:		ft.xft.		phone:	overhead; buried; n/a
Garage Size:	cars,	ft.xft.	÷	gas:	natural propane n/a
Water Source:	(well;)public	; cistern		hot tub:	yes no
Water Softener:	no) yes				
Outbuildings:	no (yes, siz	ze:		geothermal	(no;) yes: (horizontal
				system:	or vertical)
Pond:	no yes, siz	ze:			
System Type:	new or tepl	acement			
Replacement Reason:	failed; addi	tion; n/a			

Comments:

I agree that the above information is accurate and can be used by Geophyta, Inc. to prepare a site/soil evaluation for septic system suitability. The site/soils report is for information purposes to be used by a designer and your local health department. This report does not guarantee build ability of a lot or approval of any septic system design. This is not a property boundary survey.

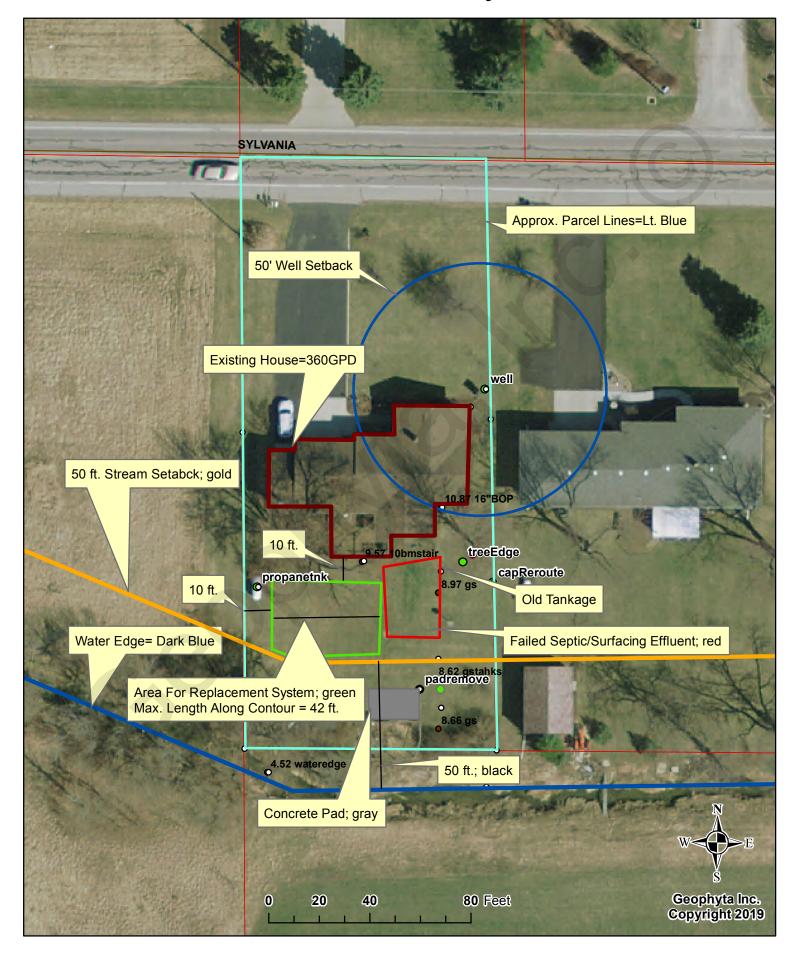
Customer Signature

Date

Payment received:

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HSTS Site Evaluation - 11865 Sylvania Ave.



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24-Aug-19

Virginia Wysong 11865 Sylvania Ave. Berkey, OH 43504

RE: HSTS Site Evaluation for 11865 Sylvania Ave., Berkey, Lucas County

Virginia,

This is a follow-up letter to an HSTS Site Evaluation performed on 14-Aug-19 at the above property, with you, me and Nate Fries(Lucas County Health Department), present. Please refer to the attached site evaluation map.

This site evaluation revealed the presence of a private water well setback, a flowing stream setback, and parcel line setbacks required by Lucas County Health Department. They include 10 ft. from parcel lines, 50 ft. from water wells, and 50 ft. from a streams. Also, within the remaining area, there were areas of disturbed soil from the existence of an old septic tank and surfacing effluent. The soil area remaining after these considerations will not allow for on-site absorption of septic effluent for a three bedroom home along elevation contours. The maximum length along contour was 42 feet in the acceptable soil area. A typical Nappanee/Hoytville SiCL soil requires at least 105 feet of length along contour.

Both Nate Fries and I agreed that due to this limited soil area, a detailed soil sampling and description was not required.

The only option that remains is an NPDES treatment system as permitted by the Ohio EPA.

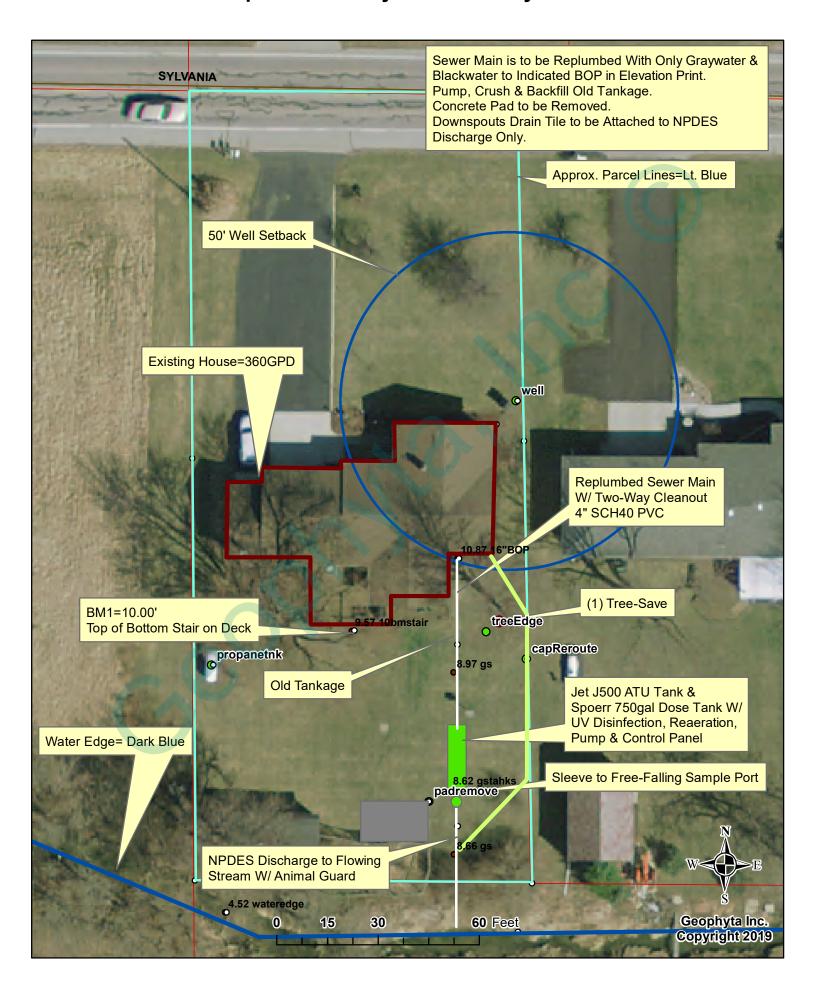
Sincerely.

Nathan Wright

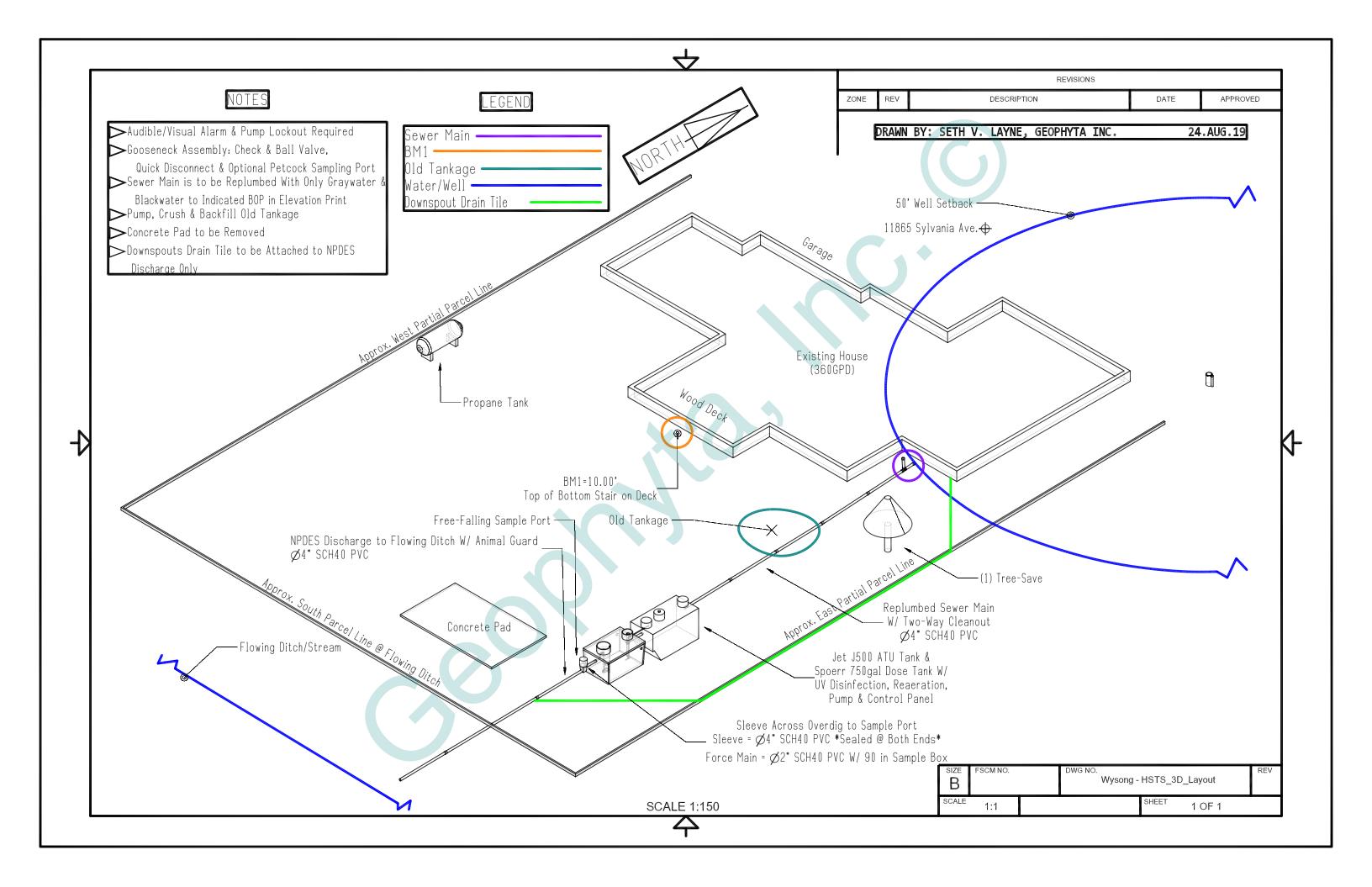
Certified Soil Scientist, CPSS-19395

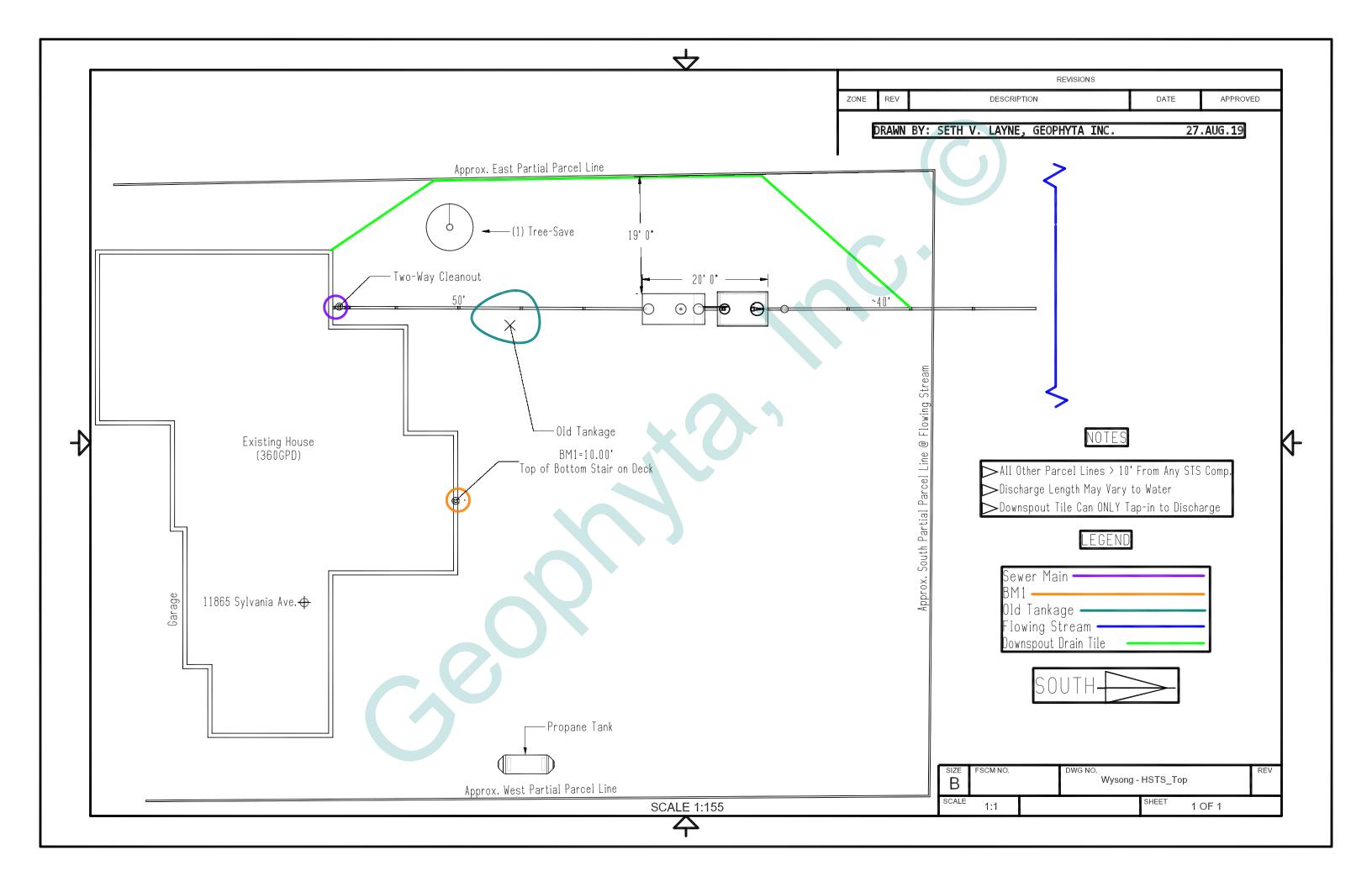
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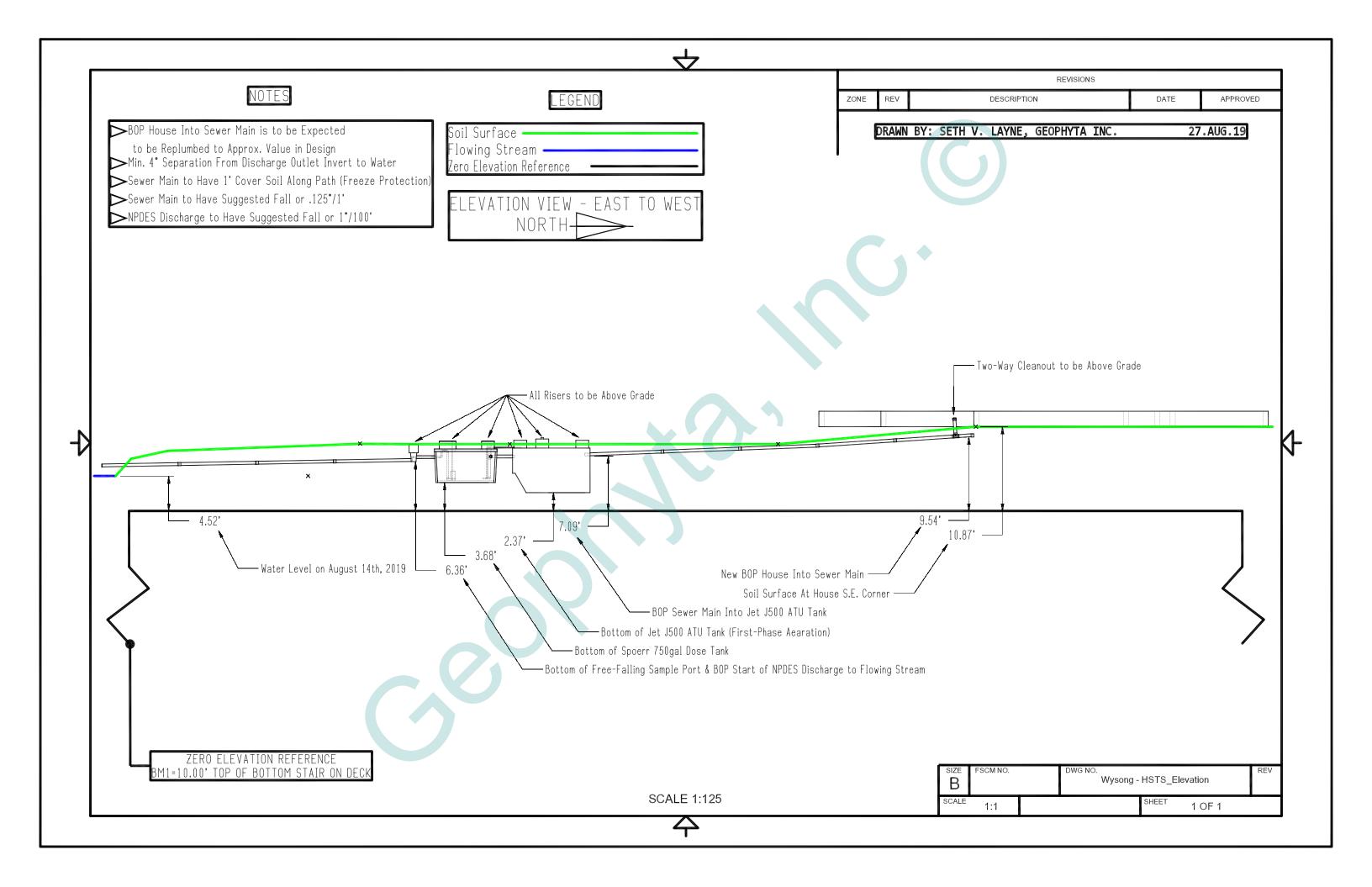
HSTS Replacement Layout - 11865 Sylvania Ave.

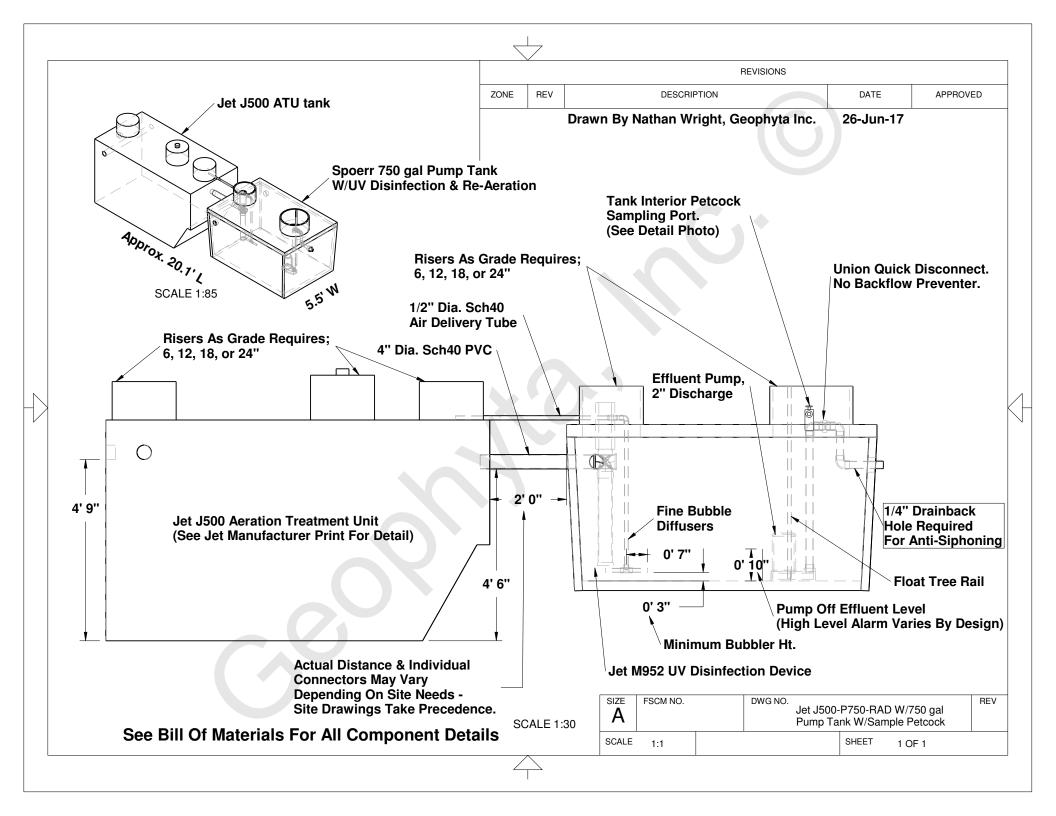


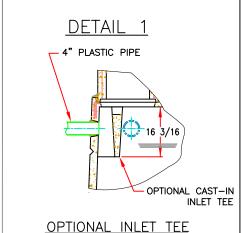
Demand Dosing Calculations to Sample Port						
Owner: Wysong	Design					
		Comment				
Flow Rate Total (gpm)	57.0	Adjust GPM Down in Fr	ee-Falling Sample Port			
Diameter (in)	2.00	Sch40 PVC				
Length (ft)	2.5	0011401170				
Gal. per Foot of Pipe (Clemons, 1991)	0.174					
Total Main Volume (gal)	0.44					
# Std 90deg Elbows	4					
Std 90deg Elbow Pipe Length Equivalent (ft)	9.0	(1) 90 Ell in Free-Fa	alling Sample Port			
# Std 45deg Elbows	0	(1) 30 Ell III 1 100 1 1	dilling campic 1 oft			
Std 45deg Elbow Pipe Length Equivalent (ft)	4.0					
# Std Tees	0					
Std Tee Pipe Length Eqivalent (ft)	11.0					
# Quick Disconnects	11.0					
Quick Disconnect Pipe Length Equivalent (ft)						
# Full Flow Ball Valves	2.0	Adiust Out	mut CDM			
	1	Adjust Out	put GPIVI			
Ball Valves Pipe Length Equivalent (ft)	0.9					
Total Length Equivalent (pipe&fittings) (ft)	41.4					
Head Loss per 100 ft.(ft.)(Otis et al, 1978)(Zoeller)	5.59					
Total Main Head Loss (ft)	2.31					
Total Main Flead 2033 (it)	2.51					
Dose Volume:						
Drainback Volume: Main (gal)	0.0	No Drainback				
Dose Volume (gal)	90.0					
TOTAL dose (gal)	90.0					
Daily Design Flow (DFR)(120gal/day/bedroom)	360.0					
Is Dose <=1/4 of Daily Design Flow?	yes					
Is Dose <1/8 of Daily Design Flow?	no					
Total Dynamic Head:						
Static Lift - Main Ht. Above Surface (ft)	0.00	-				
Static Lift - Depth to Pump Off Below Surface (ft)	3.86	4.6983				
Static Lift - Topo Difference (ft.)	-0.8	-				
Total Pipe & Fittings Headloss (ft)	2.3	-				
Network Loss (5ft head x 1.3) (ft)(includes laterals)	0.0	-				
Total Head Loss (ft)	5.4					
Dose Tank Parameters						
Volume (gal)	750	34.0	inches effluent			
Gallons Per Inch in Tank	22.30					
Demand Dose Settings:						
Total Gallons Per Pump Cycle	90.0	4.04	inches			
Avg. Pump Cycles Per 24 Hrs.	4.0	4.04	IIIOIIGO			
Avg. Pump On Time - seconds	95					
Avg. Pump Off Time - Seconds Avg. Pump Off Time - hours	6.0					
Pump Off Effluent Ht. from bottom (in)	10.0	(to provent took flatation)				
Pump On Effluent Ht. from Bottom (in)		(to prevent tank flotation)				
. ,	14.0	1.0	- days recoming often alares			
High Level Alarm Ht. from bottom (in.)	18.0	1.0	= days reserve after alarm			

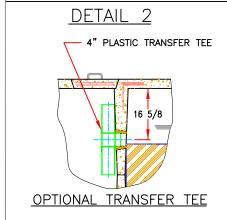




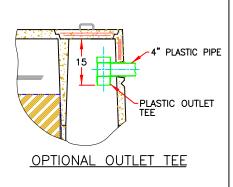


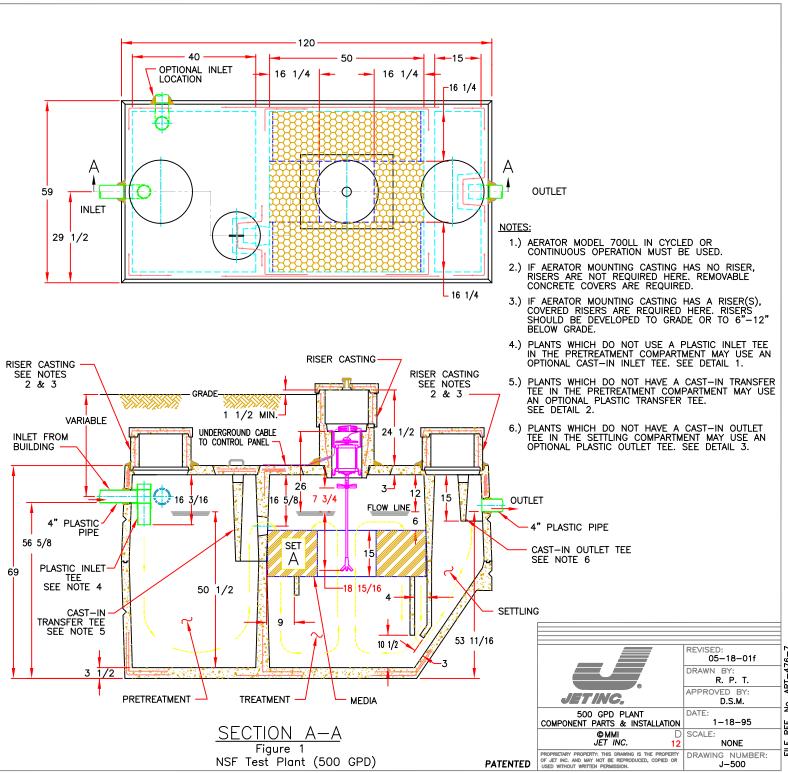






DETAIL 3





Outlet Inlet ** Boot for 4" pipe 48 38 Float Tree End View Side View Spoerr Precast Concrete 4500 PSI @ 28 Days Proprietary and 750 Gallon Pump Tank Max cover on top of tank 48" Confidental Concrete Inc. Excavation 6' 6" x 9' Inlet/Outlet boots for 4" pipe The information contained in this drawing is the sole property of Spoerr Precast Concrete Inc. Boots meet ASTM C923 2020 Caldwell St Any reproduction in part or as 09/22/09 Sealant: Meets ASTM C990 whole without the written Sandusky, OH 44870 **Optional 4x2 slip reducer available permission of Spoerr Precast Concrete Inc. 800-252-5205 is prohibited. 22.3 gallon/inch

UV Disinfection Lamp

Item	Part Number
UV Disinfection Lamp Assembly	9520034
Replacement UV lamp	9990115
UV Control Panel Assembly	9520038

Specifically designed to disinfect the effluent from small aerobic treatment plants, the Ultraviolet Disinfection Unit can reduce fecal coliform bacteria levels to well below the most stringent U.S. treatment standards, even when the upstream treatment plant is operating in a mild upset condition. Designed to disinfect residential wastewater, UV disinfection units are safe and harmless. There are no adverse effects from overexposing the effluent to germicidal ultraviolet light because UV disinfection does not form by-products.

The disinfection chamber couples directly to the aerobic plant 4" discharge pipe and is permanently installed below grade. When fully inserted, the sub-assembly is properly positioned by pins mounted near the top of the disinfection chamber. This well-defined flow path gives the proper fluid exposure time.

The light source is mounted in the center of an anodized aluminum frame that divides the disinfection chamber in half. The frame seals against the inner surface of the disinfection chamber and prevents flow by-pass. To control the lamp's surface temperature, the ultraviolet light is surrounded by a clear fused quartz tube. When the disinfection chamber is filled with water, the ultraviolet light can operate continuously, whether or not water is flowing. Continuous operation within a lamp surface temperature range of 105-120° F provides optimum ultraviolet light output and long lamp life.



The disinfection sub-assembly, which extends approximately one foot above grade, is watertight. This protects the electrical connections against a fluid backup that could cause the wastewater effluent level to rise to the maximum height of the upstream treatment plant.

The UV system operates on 120vAC and consumes less than 25 Watts. A green LED indicator on the junction box confirms the operating status of the UV system.

Maximum flow through the unit is rated at 3 gallons per minute (gpm), or 4,320 gallons per day (gpd), with the following effluent conditions:

Suspended Solids < 30 mg/liter - 5-day BOD < 30 mg/liter

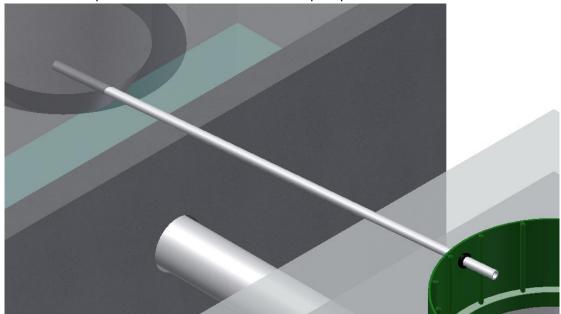
Under the above conditions, fecal coliform reduction exceeds 3-logs, or 99.9%, at the end of the UV lamp life (one year of continuous operation).

Fecal coliform counts in the home aerobic treatment effluent typically range from 800 - 20,000 colony-forming units (CFU) per 100ml. CFUs measure viable fungal and bacterial cells.

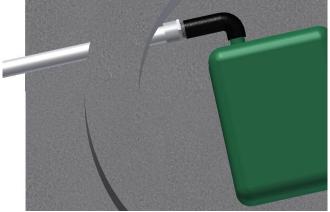
954RAD Installation Manual



- 1. Install the treatment system and pump tank to be aerated.
- 2. Install the compressor in a dry, vented enclosure. The clarifier access riser may be used as the enclosure if a removable baseplate and vents are placed in the riser.
- 3. Use the provided ½" pipe to run between the compressor enclosure and the access riser for the pump tank. If necessary, use the black grommets to seal around the pipe where it leaves the compressor enclosure or enters the pump tank.



4. Glue the threaded adapter to the end of the ½" pipe in the enclosure. Connect one end of the black hose provided with the compressor to the compressor and the other end to the threaded adapter. Secure both ends with the spring clips provided with the compressor.

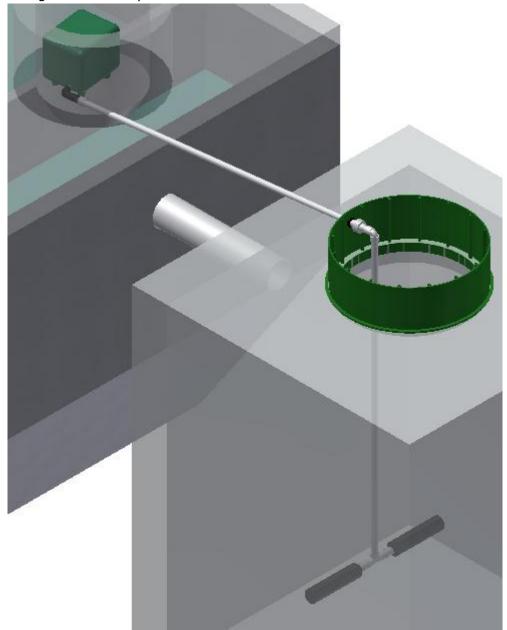


- 5. Glue the union to the compressor pipe in the pump tank.
- 6. Using a short piece of ½" pipe connect the ½" elbow to the union on the compressor pipe.
- 7. Using thread seal tape, thread the diffusers to each end of the tee assembly.





- 8. Glue one of the two long pipes to the sidearm of the tee.
- 9. Place the diffuser assembly in the pump tank and glue the top of the long pipe to the elbow on the air supply line. The diffusers should be about 3" off the bottom of the tank, cut drop pipe to length if necessary.



10. Run power conduit to the compressor enclosure. The compressor will require a single phase 120 volt power source. The provided cord grip may be used to run the compressor power cord into a watertight junction box to make connections.



Jet Inc. Model 197 Control Panel Installation and Users Manual

The Jet Incorporated Aerator control panel monitors and controls the operation of Jet system aerators and additional components. The panel can be configured to control single or dual aeration systems. A single aerator system controls the operation of one aerator. A dual aerator system can control two aerators, or one aerator and one reaeration compressor.

In addition to the aerator control circuits, the control panel also contains the following circuits or features:

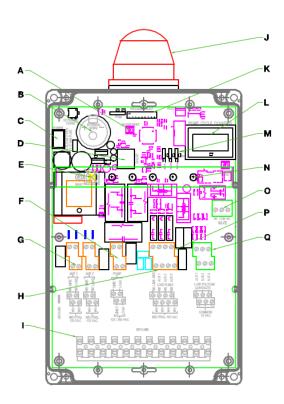
- Two aerator/compressor control circuits
- Two auxiliary available output circuits
- Three auxiliary input circuits with normally open or normally closed selection
- One power indicator LED, and four additional error indicator LED's
- An alarm buzzer with circuit board provision for an alternate or externally mounted buzzer
- A 9-position DIP switch for selection of configuration options
- User accessible reset switch and circuit board master reset switch
- Alarm mode Auto-Dialer power and control interface
- Circuit board mounted power switch and fuse
- Dry contact for Jet Wi-Fi messenger or cellular.

Control Panel Features

- A. Master Reset Button
- B. Internal Horn
- C. On/Off Switch
- D. Optional Dialer Interface
- E. External Reset Button
- F. Pump Power Supply Contacts
- G. Aerator Power Supply Contacts
- H. Alarm Power Supply Contacts
- I. Ground Buss
- J. Central Alarm Beacon
- K. DIP Switch Array

L. Event Counter (Optional)

- M. Auxiliary Alarm Settings (NC/NO)
- N. Indicator Light Array
- O. Optional Wi-Fi Alarm Contacts
- P. Auxiliary Output Contacts
- Q. Auxiliary Input Contacts



- 1 - QA-SAL-132 REV 1/23/2019

Champion Pump

CPE

4/10 - 1/2HP EFFLUENT

Every pump tested in water to ensure pump meets peformance curve.

FEATURES/BENEFITS

PERFORMANCE

Heads up to 65' TDH Flows up to 86 GPM

MOTOR

High efficient, 115v or 230v, oil filled, permanent split capacitor motor with upper and lower ball bearings and thermal overload protection

- Constant bearing lubrication
- Maximum motor cooling
- Runs cooler and lasts longer
- Internal overload protection
- Quiet operation
- Fasteners and shaft made from rugged, corrosion resistant stainless steel

SEAL DESIGN

Type 21 inboard seal design with secondary exclusion seal

- Rotating components of seal are in the motor housing, being lubricated by the motor oil preventing foreign matter from wrapping around the seal components
- Seal will last longer if the pump runs dry
- Secondary exclusion seal keeps debris from entering the seal cavity

IMPELLER DESIGN

Non-clog style, cast-iron vortex impeller (CPEH Thermoplastic Vortex)

- Designed to help reduce clogging by foreign material

POWER CORD

Sealed entry quick disconnect power cords

- Prevents water from entering the motor housing through a cut cord
- Easy to replace in the field
- Available in lengths up to 100'

SWITCH

Piggy-back switch design

- Defective switches can be diagnosed over the phone
- Pump can be operated manually or supplied with other piggy-back switches
- Switch can be replaced without having to replace the pump

APPLICATIONS

Dewatering, septic systems, residential and commercial developments, elevator pits and STEP systems



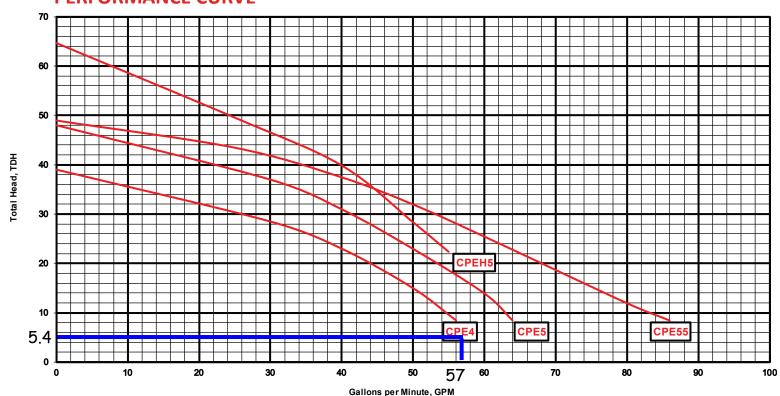




Wide-Angle Float

4/10-1/2 HP submersible pumps that handle up to 3/4" solids with 2" discharge

PERFORMANCE CURVE



TECHNICAL DATA

DISCHARGE 2" NPT. vertical standard
LIQUID TEMPERATURE 140 Degrees F. (Intermittent)

MOTOR HOUSING Cast Iron
VOLUTE Cast Iron
SEAL PLATE Cast Iron

IMPELLER Cast Iron / Vortex (CPEH thermoplastic

vortex)

SOLIDS HANDLING 3/4"

SHAFT Stainless Steel

SHAFT SEAL (SINGLE SEAL) Inboard mechanical with secondary

exclusion V-Seal, carbon rotating face, ceramic stationary face, Buna-N elastomer,

300 series stainless steel hardware

BEARINGS (UPPER & LOWER) Single row, ball, oil lubricated

HARDWARE 300 Series stainless steel

O-RINGS Buna-N

CORD 20' Length standard. Up to 100' available.

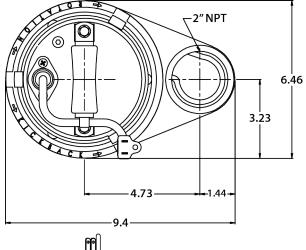
(UL/CUL) Listed 16 AWG, Type SJTW

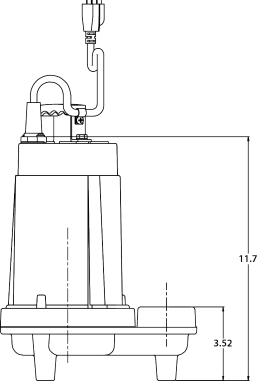
MOTOR (SINGLE PHASE) 4/10-1/2 HP 3450 RPM, 60 Hz, NEMA L

Includes Overload Protection in the motor,

oil filled, class B permanent split capacitor

WEIGHT 37 lbs. (Manual)





MODEL(S) INFORMATION

MODEL	НР	VOLTS	PHASE	AMPS	CORD LENGTH	SWITCH
CPE4-12 / CPE5-12 / CPE55-12 / CPEH5-12	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	20'	Manual
CPE4-13 / CPE5-13 / CPE55-13 / CPEH5-13	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	30'	Manual
CPE4-15 / CPE5-15 / CPE55-15 / CPEH5-15	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	50'	Manual
CPE4A-12 / CPE5A-12 / CPE55A-12 / CPEH5A-12	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	20'	Wide-Angle Float
CPE4A-13 / CPE5A-13 / CPE55A-13 / CPEH5A-13	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	30'	Wide-Angle Float
CPE4V-12 / CPE5V-12 / CPE55V-12 / CPEH5V-12	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	20'	Vertical Float
CPE4V-13 / CPE5V-13 / CPE55V-13 / CPEH5V-13	4/10 - 1/2	115	1	6.6 / 8.5 / 10.5 / 11.5	30'	Vertical Float
CPE4-22 / CPE5-22 / CPE55-22 / CPEH5-22	4/10 - 1/2	230	1	3.3 / 4.3 / 5.75 / 5.75	20'	Manual
CPE4A-22 / CPE5A-22 / CPE55A-22 / CPEH5A-22	4/10 - 1/2	230	1	3.3 / 4.3 / 5.75 / 5.75	20'	Wide-Angle Float
CPE4V-22 / CPE5V-22 / CPE55V-22 / CPEH5V-22	4/10 - 1/2	230	1	3.3 / 4.3 / 5.75 / 5.75	20'	Vertical Float

Re-Aeration Tank Interior Sampling Petcock for NPDES Systems

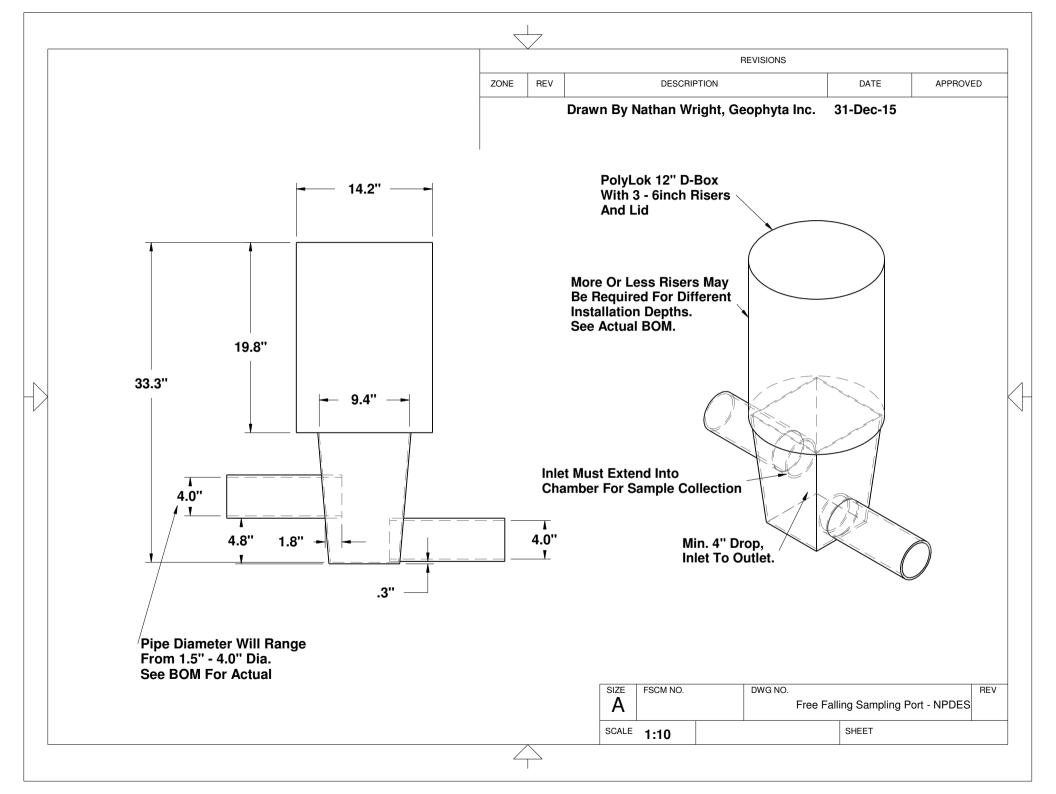


This photo is of a sampling petcock located inside the re-aeration tank riser. For convenience, it is mounted on the "gooseneck" pipe riser, just before the union quick disconnect.

This unit is an approved substitute for a free falling sample port where effluent discharge cannot be accomplished with a gravity discharge line.

Strict adherence to sampling techniques and protocols are required.

Install, operate, maintain, and sample in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, practices, requirements, restrictions, and prohibitions.



Bill of Materials - 11865 Sylvania Ave., HSTS Replacement - NPDES Jet-J500 ATU & Spoerr 750gal Dose Tank W/ UV Disinfection & Reaeration						
Quantity	Part Name	<u>Section</u>	<u>Comment</u>			
1	SCH40PVC 4inch Two-Way Cleanout Tee SxSxS		Two-Way Cleanout (Tee)			
1	SCH40PVC 4inch pipe2ft.		Two-Way Cleanout (Tee to Cap)			
1	SCH40PVC 4inch Cap	Danlumbad Cawar Main	Two-Way Cleanout (Cap)			
4	SCH40PVC 4inch Coupler	Replumbed Sewer Main				
1	SCH40PVC 4inch 15DegreeEll		Config. By Installer			
5	SCH40PVC 4inch pipe10ft.		Comig. by instance			
1	ATU Tank	ATU Tank	Jet J500 ATU Tank W/ 12" Risers			
1	SCH40PVC 4inch pipe3ft.	ATU to Dose				
1	Dose Tank	Dose Tank	Spoerr 750gal Dose Tank W/ 12" Risers			
1	UV Disinfection Lamp	UV Disinfection Lamp	Jet Model No. 9520034 UV Lamp			
1	SCH40PVC 1inch UnionSxS		Quick Disconnect			
1	SCH40PVC 1inch TeeSxSxS					
1	SCH40PVC1inch90DegreeEll		See Detail Print			
1	SCH40PVC 1inch pipe46inch	Reaeration Assembly				
1	SCH40PVC 1inch pipe4.0ft.					
1	SCH40PVC 1inch pipe2.25inch					
2	SCH40PVC 1inch pipe5.8inch					
1	Jet Model 197 Panel (Pump Lockout, Visual/Audible Alarm)	ATU, Reaeration & Pump Controller	Jet Model No. 197 Control Panel W/ Event Counter			
~65 ft.	2 conductor w/ground, 14 gauge UG wire		Pump Circuit; Standalone Breaker			
~65 ft.	2 conductor w/ground, 14 gauge UG wire		Alarm Circuit, Added To House Lighting Breaker			
~65 ft.	Plastic conduit, to contain 6-14ga		Pump & Alarm Circuit			
1	SCH40PVC 2inch Quick Disconnect		(Allow Pump Removal/Replacement)			
1	SCH40PVC 2inch Check Valve		Air-Lock Hole Between Check Valve & Pump			
1	SCH40PVC 2inch Ball Valve		Adjust Output GPM			
1	Petcock Sampling Port		Before Quick Disconnect			
1	SCH40PVC 1inch pipe5ft. L. Float Tree	Dose Pump Assembly	Float Tree			
1	Effluent Pump 2inch NPT 0.4HP		Champion CPE4-12 Effluent Pump or Equiv.			
1	SCH40PVC 2inch Adapter MNPT to Soc		Pipe Adapter to Pump			
1	SCH40PVC 2inch pipe12inch W/ 0.25" Weephole		1/4" Weep Hole			
3	SCH40PVC 2inch 90DegreeEll					
2	SCH40PVC 2inch pipe3inch		See Detail Print			
1	SCH40PVC 2inch pipe6.5inch					
1	SCH40PVC 2inch pipe40inch					
1	SCH40PVC 2inch pipe2.5ft.	Force Main to Free-Falling Port	Config. By Installer			
1	SCH40PVC2inch90DegreeEll					
1	SCH40PVC 4inch pipe2.5ft.	Force Main Sleeve	Sealed @ Both Ends			
1	PolyLok 12" D-Box W/ (2) 6" Risers W/ Insulated Lid	Free-Falling Sample Port	See Detail Print			
3	SCH40PVC 4inch Coupler					
4	SCH40PVC 4inch pipe10ft.	NPDES Discharge				
1	Animal Guard		Config. By Installer			
1	4" Corr. Perf. Pipe ~90 ft. L. Full Replacement		5 · ,			
1	Adapter From Corr. to PVC Fitting (Fernco)	Downspout Tile to Discharge				
1	SCH40PVC 4inch wye SxSxS					
Additional Notes Pump, Crush & Backfill Old Tankage						
-	Grass Seed	2 lbs./1000 ft.^2 K. Bluegrass				
-	Straw Mulch For Grass Establishment	Homeowner's Choice	Tankage & Piping			
-	Grass Establishment Fertilizer	10 lbs. 20-10-10/1000 ft.^2				
		all OUPS before you dig.***				

Installer substitution of materials not specfied in this Bill Of Materials may void Health Dept. approval of this design and will result in a re-design fee and is the sole responsibility of the installer.

Design Prints Take Precedence Over This Bill of Materials. This is a best estimate of materials required and is provided as a convenience to installers. This BOM is not required for design approval.

Operation and Maintenance Procedures

Home Septic Treatment Systems With Processing Through An Aeration Treatment Unit, Disinfection, And Effluent Discharge

Home septic treatment systems are biologically based systems. They rely on both anaerobic and aerobic microorganisms to process human waste. These systems may utilize processing, storage, and pumping tanks. Also, the processed effluent may be disinfected before discharge to a storm drain, ditch, or stream. In some cases, a soil absorption component, the leachfield, also processes, treats, and disperses septic effluent. Any abuse of this biological treatment system will result in less efficient sewage treatment and early failure of your new system.

Improper operation and/or maintenance of your home septic treatment system will result in its failure.

Geophyta, Inc. strongly recommends that a homeowner hire a professional service provider to inspect and maintain your system. Your county health department has a list of registered service providers. Make sure that your service provider has septic tank and leachfield maintenance experience.

1) Homeowner Responsibility:

- a) The system owner is responsible for the continuous operation and maintenance of this home septic treatment system
- b) Your county health department may require third-party inspection and maintenance of your home septic treatment system.
- c) Home Interior Design & Appliance Selection:
 - i) Install water conserving fixtures such as low flow shower heads, low flow toilets, and front loading washers.
 - ii) Space out water use throughout the day and week. Avoid doing all laundry in one day.
 - iii) Repair all water leaking fixtures.
 - iv) Eliminate garbage disposals, or limit their use. Collect food scraps with sink strainers for disposal as trash or for composting; this includes coffee grounds.
 - v) DO NOT pipe sump pump output into your sewer line.
- d) Home Landscaping Limitations:
 - i) Do not pipe roof downspouts or any other rainwater drainage into the septic or dose tanks.
 - ii) Divert all downspouts or other rainwater drainage away from your entire septic system.
 - iii) Divert all downspouts or other rainwater drainage away from the leachfield area.

- iv) Do not drive or park cars, boats, heavy equipment, or other vehicles on or near septic system tanks and leachfield areas.
- v) Do not add additional soil fill on or near the leachfield. This will limit air movement into the soil needed for effluent treatment and may cause system failure.
- vi) Limit lawnmower traffic on the leachfield when soil is excessively wet.
- vii) Do not plant any deep rooted plants on top of or near your leachfield soil absorption area.
- e) Home Resident Responsibilities:
 - i) Only flush or drain bio-degradable human waste, toilet paper, laundry and dish and personal care soaps, and water into your home septic treatment system.
 - ii) Severely limit disposal of food fats, oils, and greases. These will clog your system.
 - iii) Do not flush or drain undiluted bleach, cleansers, or drain cleaners.
 - iv) Do not flush any non-biodegradable items. For example, plastic items.
 - v) Do not flush or drain motor oils, greases, anti-freezes, cleaners, etc.
 - vi) Do not flush cat litter.
 - vii) Do not flush paper towels, facial tissue, cigarette butts, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, or condoms.
 - viii) Do not flush prescription or over-the-counter drugs. Antibiotics and cancer treatment drugs are very harmful to your home septic treatment system.
 - ix) Do not dump solvents like dry cleaning fluid, pesticides, photographic chemicals, paint thinner down the drain.
 - x) Don't use septic tank additives, unless health department approved.
 - xi) Don't drain a hot tub or large amounts of water into your septic system.
- f) Home Improvement/Expansion:
 - i) Contact your county sanitarian before adding new driveways, decks, patios, pools, and outbuildings not identified on your original layout plan to make sure all setback distances from your septic system tanks and mound are met.
 - ii) Contact your county sanitarian before adding bedrooms and/or increasing your home occupancy. This may overload your septic system. Septic system expansion may be required to prevent failure.
- g) Homeowner Cautions:
 - i) DO NOT ENTER TANKS WITHOUT PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Septic and dose tanks contain noxious and deadly gases.
 - ii) Pump or dose tanks and control boxes contain electrical components. **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD CAN EXIST WITH IMPROPERLY WIRED OR FAILING COMPONENTS.**
 - iii) Always keep tank fall guards in place, except for the time needed to replace components when safety equipment is present.
 - iv) Always replace and secure septic and dose tank lids after completing any inspection.
 - v) Any disconnection or removal of filters, screens, floats, alarms, and/or control panels will result in system failure.
 - vi) Contact your county sanitarian for allowed homeowner maintenance and repair of your septic system.

2) Inspection & Maintenance Requirements:

- a) Perform inspection & maintenance every six months.
- b) Review Baseline Operation and Maintenance Data:
 - i) The installer of your system set and recorded all float/liquid level heights, pump down times, cycles per day, and distal head pressures required in the design specifications.
 - ii) Review all previous six month inspection data.
- c) Identify any house additions, patios, pools, ponds, driveways, outbuildings, etc. added since the last inspection that may impact the home septic treatment system. Draw a sketch of these differences.
- d) Inspect the house sewer main two-way cleanout tee bottom:
 - i) Check for clogging.
 - ii) Check for continuous clear water flows from the home.
- e) Evaluate Aeration Treatment Tank & Pump Tank:
 - i) Measure sludge and scum depths; pump tank when cumulative thickness is 1/3 of the tank depth.
 - ii) Look for signs of clogging and tank damage.
 - iii) Look for signs of tank and riser leakage.
 - iv) Clean & inspect any tank outlet filter.
 - v) Make sure lids are securely attached to risers.
- f) Evaluate Pump/Dose Tank & Pumping Equipment:
 - i) Measure sludge and scum depths; pump tank when septic tank is pumped.
 - ii) Look for signs of clogging and tank damage.
 - iii) Look for signs of tank and riser leakage.
 - iv) Inspect and assure proper functioning of floats or other liquid level controls.
 - v) Clean and inspect dose pump outlet filter. May not be present in some designs.
 - vi) Inspect and assure proper condition and functioning of the effluent pump.
 - vii) Make sure lids are securely attached to risers.
- g) Evaluate Drain Fields:
 - Inspect all leachfield soil inspection tubes for surface condition, surface color, and depth of ponded effluent, if present.
 - ii) Look for surfacing effluent.
 - iii) Look for excessively moist soil around leachfield area.
 - iv) Identify appropriate vegetative cover.
 - v) Look for surface disturbances, compaction, abnormal settling, and erosion.
 - vi) Identify any deep rooted vegetation recently planted near the leachfield area.
- h) Switch leachfield resting trench in D-box:
 - i) Determine a rotation sequence for closing off flow to the resting trench/trenches.
 - ii) Open the previously rested leach trench.
 - iii) Close the next trench in sequence for resting.
- i) Measure Pump Run Time and/or Drawdown:
 - i) For demand dosed systems, verify original design effluent drawdown depth.

- ii) For time dosed systems, verify original design pump run time.
- iii) For systems with a cycle counter or run time meter, record the current values.
- j) Test Alarms:
 - i) Evaluate proper function of low liquid level alarm.
 - ii) Evaluate proper function of high liquid level alarm and warning light.

3) Findings & Repairs:

- a) All findings during inspection and maintenance must be recorded.
- b) Any system adjustments must be recorded.
- c) Any system deficiencies, worn out components, and/or damage must be repaired to return your septic system to a properly functioning state.
- d) All repairs must be recorded.