

**STATE OF NC AUTHORIZED ON-SITE WASTEWATER EVALUATOR PERMIT OPTION**  
**APPENDIX A: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE COMMON FORM FOR NON-ENGINEERED SYSTEMS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This State form is required for submittal of documentation of an Authorized On-Site Wastewater Evaluator (AOWE) Permit pursuant to G.S. 130A-336.2.

Three separate actions are addressed in this form:

1. Notice of Intent to Construct (NOI) (and resubmittal of missing information);
2. Local Health Department (LHD) completeness review of the NOI as submitted by the owner and written confirmation of same; and,
3. Review of information submitted for the Authorization to Operate (ATO) and written confirmation of same.

**PART 1: Notice of Intent to Construct**

**Content as submitted by the Owner and AOWE for the NOI**

The Owner or AOWE completes Part 1 of the form through item 14 and signs and dates it to confirm that the information provided meets the requirements of G.S. 130A-336.2.

**Form received by LHD**

The form shall be submitted to the LHD by the Owner or the Owner's legal representative. The LHD enters the date that the initial NOI is received. The LHD enters the reference number for the AOWE permit at the top of each page.

The LHD verifies that the AOWE attested to the content submitted by signing and dating as appropriate. If not signed by the AOWE, the NOI is INCOMPLETE.

**PART 2: LHD Completeness Review of the Notice of Intent**

This section is designed for the LHD to document receipt of the required items. The LHD has no liability for the site evaluation, design plans and specifications, and the construction of the system. Thus, the completeness review is based upon information that the AOWE provides and attests to on the NOI, not based on review of the submitted items.

**Items 1 through 3:** The LHD verifies that the AOWE provided contact information for the Owner as well as for professionals who will participate in the design, permitting, installation and inspection process. Without contact information for the owner and AOWE (at a minimum), the NOI is INCOMPLETE.

**Item 4 through 14:** LHD verifies that the AOWE:

4. States on the form that "proof of errors and omissions or other liability Insurance" is attached for each professional and that the submitted information includes the name of the insurer, the name of the insured individual and the effective dates of coverage. *[At a minimum, the AOWE must check the box for "AOWE" and attach Proof of Insurance in accordance with G.S. 130A-336.2(b)(4)].*
5. Provides a physical location of the property. If a 911 address is not yet assigned, other identifying information must be provided such as a PIN or Subdivision name/Phase or Section/Lot number.
6. Provides a facility description (e.g., "Single family residence" or "Office space") and the basis for the flow projection required in Number 11. For residences, number of occupants is required. For businesses and places of public assembly, the AOWE must indicate the specific basis for flow projection (number of seats, occupancy load, etc.).
7. Describes any factors that "would affect the wastewater load" on the form.

8. Designates a system type and rough system location (“Right rear of property as viewed from the road” or similar).
9. States the projected wastewater flow and the projected wastewater strength. *(For industrial process wastewater, a Professional Engineer licensed in accordance with G.S. 89C shall design the on-site wastewater system.)*
10. States that a Plat as defined in G.S. 130A-334(7a) or a Site Plan as defined in G.S. 130A-334(13a) is included in the submittal.
11. States that any proposed setbacks to any water supplies and appurtenances are compliant with 15A NCAC 18A .1950.
12. States that a soils and site evaluation in accordance with G.S. 130A-335(a1) is attached. Either the soils and site evaluation signed and sealed by the LSS or a signature and seal on a page that references the soils and site evaluation is acceptable.
13. States that an evaluation of geologic and hydrogeologic conditions in accordance with G.S. 130A-335(a1) signed and sealed by a LG is attached, if applicable.
14. States whether plans for proposed landscape, site, drainage or soil modifications are included.

### **Documentation of Completeness Review**

The LHD must complete the initial review and respond to the AOWE and Owner within five business days of receipt of the initial submittal. If the LHD fails to respond, the Owner or AOWE may treat the failure to act as a determination of completeness.

- The LHD verifies that the AOWE signed and dated page two of this section to attest to the integrity of the information.
- INCOMPLETE: Check this box if appropriate.
  - LHD enters the item number(s) in the space provided.
  - LHD indicates the date and method by which notification was conveyed to the Owner and the AOWE.  
*NOTE: The Owner or AOWE may re-submit missing information using Page 5 of the common form.*
- COMPLETE – Check this box if appropriate.
  - LHD indicates that notification was sent to the Owner and AOWE. *The LHD retains the original document.*
- LHD shall note the date a copy of the final NOI and tracking documentation is sent to the Department as required.

### **Resubmittals**

The LHD must review and respond within five days of re-submittal of missing information. If the LHD fails to respond, the owner or AOWE may treat the failure to act as a determination of completeness.

- The LHD enters the date the resubmitted information is received and verifies that the AOWE signed and dated this section to attest to the nature of the resubmitted information.
- Proceed as described in the previous section depending upon whether the NOI is INCOMPLETE or COMPLETE.

***Once the NOI is deemed complete, please refer interested parties to the text included below the LHD signature line regarding the issuance of building permits pursuant to G.S. 130A-338.***

## **PART 3: Authorization to Operate**

### **Documentation required for the ATO and attestation by the AOWE**

When construction of the system is complete, the owner shall submit documentation to the LHD as required in G.S. 130A-336.2(l).

- The LHD enters the date the information was received.
- The Owner indicates on this form what information they have submitted to the LHD by indicating “Yes” or “No” next to each required item.

- The Owner signs and dates this section to attest that the listed information is attached.
- The LHD verifies that the Owner signed this section attesting to the integrity of the information.

**LHD Review of information submitted by the Owner**

The LHD shall respond to the AOWE and Owner within five days of receipt the information for the ATO. Again, the LHD shall not conduct a qualitative review of submitted information but will simply document that the Owner attests that the information required by Statute and Rule has been provided.

- INCOMPLETE: Check this box if any of the boxes in this section are checked “No”.
  - LHD enters the item number(s) in the space provided.
  - LHD indicates the date and method by which notification was conveyed to the Owner and the AOWE.
  - The Owner or AOWE shall re-submit missing information.
- COMPLETE – Check this box if appropriate.
  - The LHD indicates that notification was sent to the Owner and AOWE. *The LHD retains the original document.*
  - LHD notes when and how a copy of the complete NOI, ATO and tracking documentation is sent to the Department as required.

***Once the ATO information is deemed complete, please refer interested parties to the text included below the LHD signature line regarding the statutory language allowing issuance of permanent power and certificate of occupancy pursuant to G.S. 130A-339.***

G.S. 130A-336.2(f) states that:

*“The Department, the Department’s authorized agents, and local health departments shall have no liability for wastewater systems developed by the Authorized On-Site Wastewater Evaluator; however, nothing in this section shall relieve the Department, the Department’s authorized agents, and local health departments from any of their other obligations under State law or administrative rule.”*

The AOWE is fully responsible for the on-site wastewater system siting, design, and construction, as well as for development of an appropriate management plan. Thus, the Owner attests that the information required by Statute and Rule has been provided. LHD review is limited to a review of information provided by the Owner and AOWE on the form.

**AOWE Permit Option Tracking information**

The LHD completes this form for each NOI/ATO submitted to their offices. The LHD updates this information and re-sends it throughout the process as appropriate. The Department will use this data to answer any questions on the implementation of the AOWE permitting process.

Tracking information for AOWE permits (Required)

County	
LHD Reference Number	
Permitting backlog as of date of NOI submittal (# days)	
Number of days to process the NOI (# days)	
Number of days to process re-submitted NOI (# days or "NA")	
Facility type	
Domestic, High Strength or IPWW	
Design Daily Flow	
Residential or Commercial	
System type (per Rule .1961)	
Date of Post-construction conference	
Date Authorization to Operate issued	
Fee charged for AOWE	
Is fee sufficient to cover LHD costs?	
Date LHD notified of AOWE malfunction	
Date LHD notified of Owner complaint	