

A. SITE EVALUATION - PURPOSE

The purpose of the site evaluation is to determine whether or not a parcel can accommodate an onsite wastewater treatment system. The site evaluation includes a soil observation pit (test trench) and percolation test to determine the soils' ability to treat and dispose of wastewater. A site evaluation is required for all parcels that will be utilizing onsite wastewater treatment systems. The Department shall observe all soil observation pits. The site evaluation report shall be prepared and submitted within 60 days of soil observation pit excavation (site evaluation).

B. SITE EVALUATION PROCESS

Only licensed Consultants/Designers shall conduct the site evaluation. The Consultant/Designer assists the property owner in locating the appropriate wastewater disposal site on the parcel. The Consultant/Designer shall evaluate the soil observation pit(s), and prepare the site evaluation report. The Consultant/Designer shall schedule the time and date of the soil observation pits with the Department. The calendar can be found on the Department website (link) or at this address:

<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fsanford%40co.el-dorado.ca.us>

1. Procedure

1. Consultant/Designer is contacted by client to conduct a site evaluation.
2. Consultant/Designer checks calendar for times County has openings.
(Times on the schedule will be first come, first served.)
<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fsanford%40co.el-dorado.ca.us>
3. Consultant/Designer contacts Department by phone (530) 621-5300, in person, fax, or E-mail to schedule the test trench.
 - a) Information required to schedule by phone:
 - Consultant/Designer name and contact phone number
 - Day and time requested
 - Address and APN#
 - Type of project. (Repair, parcel map, subdivision, single family home)
 - Driving Directions
 - Name of owner/builder/buyer of property
 - b) Tentative appointments must be paid for within 2 working days after scheduling and scheduled well in advance for payment to be made prior to appointment.
 - c) Once payment* is received, appointment is confirmed by EMD.
4. Test trench work must be completed in the 1.5 hour** time allotted. If it is not completed, it may need to be rescheduled. A new fee will be charged for the rescheduled test trench.
5. Subdivision and parcel map test trenches can be arranged with land use staff first and staff will place it on the schedule. (This is due to the time

taken for these projects). Appropriate fee must be paid within 2 days of scheduling to confirm the day and time.

* Payment can be made out of an account established and maintained by the consultant/designer, or payment (check or cash) made in person at our counter or by mail in advance prior to the scheduled test trench.

** Test trenches shall be scheduled in two-hour time increments. If a Consultant/Designer has grouped several test trenches in an area they can be scheduled one after the other in closer increments of time. The next scheduled time shall be two hours after the last test trench of that group.