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2019 SSTS Annual Report

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Annual Report for: Cottonwood County in Cottonwood County

Please carefully read all instructions provided throughout the questionnaire:

If your jurisdiction does not administer a program to regulate septic systems, please send an email back to the MPCA indicating that your community does not have an active septic system program to Lisa McCormick at ssts.projects.mpca@state.mn.us.

If your jurisdiction does administer a program to regulate septic systems, please submit the questionnaire no later than **February 1, 2020**.

Minn. R. 7082.0040 Subp. 5 Reporting requirements for all local programs.

Local units of government that administer SSTS programs must provide an annual report to the commissioner. The report must be submitted to the commissioner no later than February 1 for the previous calendar year.

If you are having trouble navigating the survey, or you do not understand a question, please save your progress and contact Lisa McCormick by phone at 320-248-1210 or email at ssts.projects.mpca@state.mn.us.

Please do your best to provide accurate information in the data fields. Without accurate data, there is no way to quantify the great efforts and progress Local Government Units are making throughout the state year after year!

Please ensure the following information can be used to contact the SSTS administrator within your department. The MPCA uses this survey to maintain an annually updated contact list of all local SSTS program administrators statewide.

Definitions:

SSTS Program Contact - an individual who can be contacted at Cottonwood County for items such as: ordinance administration, permit issuance/review, the receipt and coordination of this survey, and all other local SSTS related questions.

SSTS Inspector - an individual authorized to conduct inspections on behalf of Cottonwood County. If you have multiple inspectors, only provide the contact information for one of them.

Department Head - an individual in a supervisory position who oversees the activities of the SSTS program.

Official Contact Information:

SSTS Program Contact	Becky Buchholz
Department	Cottonwood SWCD
Phone (555-555-5555)	507-832-8287
Email	becky.buchholz@co.cottonwood.mn.us
Street Address	210 10th St
City	Windom
State	MN
Zip	56101
Fax	

SSTS Inspector (This is your primary inspector contact information. You will list all authorized inspectors later in the survey.)

Name	Becky Buchholz
Email	becky.buchholz@co.cottonwood.mn.us

Department Head (if applicable)

Name	Kay Gross
Email	kay.gross@co.cottonwood.mn.us

Please enter the contact information for each SSTS Program within your county boundaries.

Are there other SSTS programs operating within your county boundaries?

- Yes
 No

Please answer the following ordinance specific questions:

Does your jurisdiction use Alternative Local Standards (ALS) in your ordinance for existing systems?

- Yes
 No

Does your jurisdiction use ALS in your ordinance for New or Replacement SSTS that specifies using a minimum of 2' of vertical separation in allowable areas?

- Yes
 No

Does your jurisdiction use ALS for New or Replacement systems using 2006 rules?

- Yes
 No

Does your jurisdiction track the maintenance (pumping) of SSTS?

- Yes
 No

Does your jurisdiction require compliance inspections for property transfers?

- Yes
 No

Does your jurisdiction approve SSTS designs BEFORE issuance of a construction permit?

- Yes
 No

At what point during the review process do you most often perform infield soil verifications?

- Prior to issuing permit
 During construction
 After construction
 We do not verify soils

Number of Construction Permits Issued for **Residential** SSTS by System Type:

Type I - Trench/Rock:	0
Type I - Trench/EZ Flow:	0
Type I - Trench/Chambers:	1
Type I - Seepage or Pressure Beds:	0
Type I - Mound:	15
Type I - At Grade:	3
Type II - Privies, Holding Tanks, & Floodplain Areas:	3
Type III Systems:	0
Type IV Systems - Registered Treatment Products:	0
Type V Systems:	0

Residential Operating Permits Issued for:

Type II Holding Tanks:	1
Type IV Systems:	0
Type V Systems:	0

Number of Construction Permits Issued for **Other Establishment** SSTS by System Type:

Type I - Trench/Rock:	0
Type I - Trench/EZ Flow:	0
Type I - Trench/Chambers:	0
Type I - Seepage or Pressure Beds:	0
Type I - Mound:	1
Type I - At Grade:	0
Type II - Privies, Holding Tanks, & Floodplain Areas:	1
Type III systems:	0
Type IV systems - Registered Treatment Products:	0
Type V systems:	0

Other Establishment Operating Permits Issued for:

Type II Holding Tanks:	0
Type IV Systems:	0
Type V Systems:	0

Number of Construction Permits Issued for **Residential** SSTS by Flow Volume:

New Systems

1-2,499 gal/day:	1
2,500-4,999 gal/day:	0
5,000-10,000 gal/day:	0

Replacement Systems

1-2,499 gal/day:	21
2,500-4,999 gal/day:	0
5,000-10,000 gal/day:	0

Number of Construction Permits Issued for **Other Establishment** SSTS by Flow Volume:

New Systems

1-2,499 gal/day:	0
2,500-4,999 gal/day:	0
5,000-10,000 gal/day:	0

Replacement Systems

1-2,499 gal/day:	2
2,500-4,999 gal/day:	0
5,000-10,000 gal/day:	0

Number of SSTS Repair Permits issued for:

****Note** - this data point does not include replacement systems. LGUs who issue permits for minor/component repairs place figures here, if you do not issue permits for repairs, enter 0.

Residential SSTS:	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Other establishment SSTS:	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Numbers of SSTS in your jurisdiction for the following:

****Note** if you do not know how many total SSTS you have for each category, please do your best to provide an estimate. Zero (0) is not an appropriate response if the exact total is unknown. Please call Lisa at the number below if you would like to discuss possible methods to obtain estimates. This is an important data point to quantify the SSTS program both statewide and locally.

Full-time dwellings with SSTS:	<input type="text" value="1290"/>
Seasonal dwellings with SSTS:	<input type="text" value="215"/>
Other establishments served by SSTS:	<input type="text" value="17"/>

Cluster SSTS

Total number of Cluster SSTS:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Total number of structures served by Cluster SSTS:	<input type="text" value="47"/>

Please provide answers to the following compliance questions:

***Note** - do not include the % symbol in your responses.

Estimated percentage of all systems in your jurisdiction:

Failing to protect groundwater (%)	<input type="text" value="37"/>
Imminent threat to public health and safety (%)	<input type="text" value="36"/>
Compliant SSTS (%)	<input type="text" value="27"/>
Percentage Total (must equal 100%):	<input type="text" value="100"/>

Number of **Existing System** compliance inspections conducted in your area (Private & LGU):

<input type="text" value="22"/>

Total number of noncompliant properties mitigated by:

Connecting to centralized sewer	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Abandonment or removal of a dwelling	<input type="text" value="6"/>
Government buyout	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Please specify the certified licensed inspectors authorized to conduct work on behalf of Cottonwood County. Each LGU is required to have at least one inspector.

Use the [SSTS Search Tool](#) for certification numbers if needed.

Inspector #1:

Full Name	<input type="text" value="Hannah Herzfeld"/>
Certification Number <i>Example: C12345</i>	<input type="text" value="716"/>

Would you like to add another?

- Yes
 No

Inspector #2:

Full Name	<input type="text" value="David Bucklin"/>
Certification Number <i>Example: C12345</i>	<input type="text" value="9566"/>

Would you like to add another?

- Yes
 No

2019 Tank Report

The MPCA uses this information for the administration of tank fees for licensed SSTS installers across the state. If there were new systems installed in Cottonwood County last year, you must indicate the number of septic system/performance system tanks installed by each licensed installation business below. If there were not any systems installed by SSTS installers in Cottonwood County last year, then select "No" at the bottom of this page.

Septic Tanks - include sewage and pump tanks and are counted per tank installed.

Performance Tanks - include tanks from advanced treatment systems (Type IV) and are counted as one (1) tank per household system installed.

Do not include permitted systems that weren't yet installed. Tanks fees are only required for tanks actually installed during the previous calendar year.

To verify license numbers according to business names, use the MPCA's [SSTS Search Tool](#).
DO NOT include the "L" in front of the license number." (Correct: 9999 Incorrect: L9999)

Note - we are no longer asking for verification on homeowner installations, just SSTS professionals.

****PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT PAGE****

License Number:

Number of Septic tanks installed:

Number of Performance systems:

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License Number:

Number of Septic tanks installed:

Number of Performance systems:

Do you have any more contractors to enter?

- Yes
- No

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License Number:

Number of Septic tanks installed:

Number of Performance systems:

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License Number:

Number of Septic tanks installed:

Number of Performance systems:

Do you have any more contractors to enter?

- Yes
 No

Submission Confirmation

You have reached the end of the 2019 SSTS Annual Report.

Before clicking the "Submit" button, please print a copy of the report for your records using the "Print" button below. Some web browsers will open a new tab or window, but you will need to go back to this page to submit your responses. Some web browsers also allow you to save an electronic copy using this option, but others may not. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Thank you for taking the time to help quantify the great efforts made by SSTS local programs throughout the state of Minnesota.

Please click "Submit" to finalize the 2019 SSTS Annual Report.