Septic System Repair Cheat Sheet

Use this sheet to determine what projects require SHD permits, and what contractor credentials are required for certain activities.

**REQUIRES SHD PERMIT & APPROVED DESIGN**
- Tank Replacement
- Drainfield repair/replacement
- System replacement

**DOESN'T REQUIRE SHD PERMIT OR APPROVED DESIGN**
- System Pumping
- Riser Installation
- System Inspection
- System Controls repair
- System Pump Repair
- Baffle installation/repair
- Effluent filter installation/repair
- Minor Tank Repair

These contractor certifications/licenses are required for the following activities:

**Installer**
Can provide these services for all system types:
- Major Tank Repair/Replacement
- Drainfield repair/replacement
- System replacement
- Demolition of existing system

**Pumper**
- System Pumping
- Riser Installation*
- System Inspection*
- Baffle installation/repair*
- Effluent filter installation/repair*
- Minor Tank Repair*

* If Gravity System

**Designer***
Can provide Design services for all system types.

**Monitoring & Maintenance**
Can provide these services for all system types:
- Riser Installation
- System Inspection
- System Controls repair
- System Pump Repair
- Baffle installation/repair
- Effluent filter installation/repair
- Minor Tank Repair

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