PERMITTING AN EXISTING CONVENTIONAL SEPTIC SYSTEM

In order to approve an existing conventional septic system the following items must be done:

1.) The tank must be pumped by a certified individual/company and must meet the requirements stipulated in Arizona Administrative Code R18-9-A314. An effluent filter must be installed in the tank. The applicant must then provide YCDS Env. Unit with a copy of the pumping receipt showing description, capacity and integrity of the tank. The tank must remain open for inspection of the filter and setbacks by YCDS-Environmental Unit.

2.) A site investigation (if required – check with YCDS-EU) to show soils to at least 4 feet below the installed depth must be performed by a Registered Sanitarian, Professional Engineer, or Registered Geologist and submitted to YCDS-EU per R18-9-A310. If there is some question about shallow soil depth in the area, additional holes may be required as well.

3.) If more than one trench has been constructed the method of distribution between the trenches must be exposed (Distribution box or diversion valve uncovered, locations of serial loading exposed).

4.) The beginning and ends of the leach field (end caps of pipes) must be excavated so that the length of the disposal pipes can be measured.

5.) A hole at the end of the leach line(s) must be dug to show the total depth of leach rock in the trench and width of trench. Or, if a disposal bed is present, the four corners of the bed must be excavated.

6.) All fees must be paid to YCDS prior to services being rendered.

   Fees to examine a site (site investigation/perc test) are $79.00 + $10.00 Document fee.

   Septic Permit application fees are $160.00 +$10.00 document fee for residential installations.

   Such septic permits will be issued only if all current standards for septic system design are met.

7.) An inspection of the components of the septic system (items 1, 3, and 4 and above) must be conducted and a final approval granted by a YCDS inspector.

If you have any questions about this procedure, please feel free to speak with an Environmental Unit Inspector.