

Ohio EPA Policy	Permits to Install; Holding Tank Installations	
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This policy does not meet the definition of policy contained in Section 3745.30 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA is removing this document from the Division of Surface Water Policy Manual and is considering addressing this topic in a future rulemaking.

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Permits to Install: Holding Tank Installations

PURPOSE: To provide criteria / guidelines for the installation of holding tank facilities.

POLICY: Plans for holding tanks for domestic or commercial installations will not be considered for approval unless the following conditions are met.

- A. A sanitary sewer which will serve the site is under construction, as evidenced by a letter secured from the county, municipality, or public utility responsible for installation of sanitary sewers in said area. The letter should state the date that contracts were let for the sewer project and should give an estimated date for availability of the sewer.
- B. The proposed proprietor of the holding tank must furnish Ohio EPA with proof that he has made satisfactory arrangements for removal and disposal of the contents of the tank. The agency must be provided with a copy of the proprietor's contract with the hauler and a written commitment by the disposal site/facility owner/operator to accept the wastes until sewers are constructed.

GUIDELINES: In cases where the above criteria can be satisfactorily met, plans for a holding tank for low flow installations will be considered for approval. In such cases, the following details must be followed.

1.
 - a) Low flow conditions are considered to be four hundred gallons per day or less. A minimum of ten days storage should be provided with a minimum tank size of 1,000 gallons and a maximum size of 5,000 gallons.
 - b) A holding tank to serve a number of individual low flow installations may be constructed in lieu of the individual tanks providing the holding tank is owned and operated by a public authority that has adequate capability to operate the facility. The capacity of the holding tank shall be limited to a "design flow" equivalent to fifteen to twenty homes at 350 to 400 gallons per day per home with a three day storage. The sewage in the holding tank shall be maintained in a aerobic condition. The public authority shall provide capability of seven day week, 24-hour per day operation of sewage transport trucks. At least one stand-by truck shall be available.
2. All holding tank proposals are to be accompanied by appropriate economic evaluation of initial costs and operating costs and a signed statement by the owner that he is aware of the costs.

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3. The holding tank shall be located in an area easily accessible by a tank truck parked off the public roadway. Specific features such as continuous pump out access and high level alarms shall be required as appropriate by the district engineer responsible for determining the adequacy of the detail plans.

In addition to the above, the Ohio EPA may require by approval conditions that the owner submit monthly operating reports summarizing the removal and disposal of the accumulated wastes.

Item A above is not intended to have application to wastes which should not be discharged to sanitary sewers, pit latrines, dump stations, tanks on leisure watercraft, or other such special or seasonal applications currently requiring such facilities.

Holding tanks may be utilized for existing structures that have a serious waste disposal problem the cannot be resolved by conventional methods and are not proposing a change in occupancy representing additional waste flow. In this case, a variance may be granted from Item A, above.