



## Environmental Health Division • Public Information

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### **SOILS REPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR DEMONSTRATING SEPTIC SYSTEM FEASIBILITY FOR PROPOSED LAND USE PROJECTS**

The California Environmental Quality Act requires an assessment of sewage disposal for proposed projects to assure that public health impacts are minimized. In Ventura County, the Board of Supervisors has assigned the determination of impacts from on-site sewage disposal to the Environmental Health Division. In order for the Environmental Health Division to determine feasibility of on-site sewage disposal, a current soil evaluation report completed within 1 year is required to be submitted with the land use permit application. The following information is required to be included in the soils evaluation report:

1. The results of 4 percolation tests and one exploratory boring on each proposed lot when leach line type disposal systems are proposed.
2. The results of one exploratory boring, and where applicable, one pit performance test, conducted on each lot, when seepage pit type disposal systems are proposed.
3. Identification of historical high groundwater levels.

Additional information may be necessary, depending upon the outcome of the soils testing described above. All soils testing must be completed in conformance with Ventura County standards, and must be conducted by a California-Registered Civil Engineer, Registered Geologist, or Registered Environmental Health Specialist pursuant to the Ventura County Ordinance Code (Building Code).

When alternate technology individual sewage disposal systems (mounds, sandfilters) are proposed, additional information based upon site-specific considerations may also be required.