

Existing System Verification (ESV) Guide

What is an Existing System Verification (ESV)?

A physical inspection of an existing septic system by a DEQ licensed Septic Professional, including a review of all available installation and maintenance records in order to generate a record containing the location, size, and constructed materials of the system. This document becomes an official record of the septic system and may be used for future construction projects.

An Existing System Verification (ESV) may be needed if:

- There are insufficient septic system records to determine whether a proposed construction project may have a negative impact on the existing septic system.
- You are interested in obtaining basic system information as part of a real estate transaction.
- You would like to obtain information on the location, size, and constructed materials of your septic system.

Process

1. Contract with a Oregon DEQ licensed Septic Professional to inspect the system
 - The [Existing System Verification report](#) must be completed by a DEQ licensed Septic Professional.
 - A current list of DEQ licensed Septic Professionals is available on their website: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Residential/Pages/Onsite-Certification.aspx>
2. Completed Existing System Verification form :
 - This form must be completed and signed by a DEQ licensed Septic Professional
 - The form must include an accurate scale drawing of the system and property, including all buildings, driveways, and property lines.
3. Submit the completed and signed ESV form with fees to the Clackamas County Onsite Wastewater Program:
 - Please make sure the form is complete and signed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

A fee of \$85.00 will be required at time of application.