



Water Quality Division RULE CLARIFICATION

RC #: 003	Title: 18	Chapter: 9	Article: 3	Rule Citation: R18-9-A314(E)(4)
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Topic of Rule Needing Clarification: Watertightness testing of multi-part septic tanks assembled and sealed at the site.				
Text of Rule Needing Clarification: R18-9-A314(e)(4): "Test cast-in-place septic tanks and multi-part septic tanks assembled and sealed at the site of use for watertightness after installation by the water test or the vacuum test and repair, if necessary:"				
Question Needing Clarification: Does a multi-part tank with a lid that is assembled and sealed in the field, but where the parting line between the lid and the rest of the tank is above the operating liquid level, require a watertightness test?				
Clarification of Rule: A multi-part tank with a lid that is assembled and sealed in the field, but where the parting line between the lid and the rest of the tank is above the operating liquid level, DOES NOT require a watertightness test. The intention of the rule is to prevent leakage out of an operating septic tank, thus a parting line above the operating liquid level poses minimal possibility of leakage. For such tanks, however, the joint between the two pieces must still be sealed so that it meets the tank watertightness requirement specified in AAC R18-9-A314(A)(1).				