

#### 4.25.6 Operation and Maintenance

1. The Director may require that a management entity be responsible for sand mound operation and maintenance. Such independent management is particularly important for large systems (i.e., systems with more than nine connections). Refer to section 4.2 for guidelines on Nonprofit Corporations for Managing Small of Subsurface Wastewater Flow Systems.
2. The Director may require that operation and maintenance records, including results of ground water and system test results, are submitted annually.
3. Alarm systems should be inspected monthly for proper operation.
4. Sludge depth in the septic tank should be checked annually and the tank shall be pumped when the sludge exceeds 40% of the liquid depth.
5. The mound must be maintained free of vehicular traffic, livestock, and other compaction or disruptive activity.
6. The toe area of the mound is extremely sensitive to compaction and must particularly be protected.
7. Maintenance of grasses and shallow-rooted perennials on the mound is recommended.