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# Administrative Procedure sheet for Businesses

Your client is planning to build. Expand, renovate their home or to restore its installation:

## What are the steps? What are the verifications?

#### 1. **Project study**

The customer must have a sanitation system survey for the project. The main objectives of this study are to: - define the size of the project.

- define the type of treatment appropriate to the plot, (soil, presence of groundwater, surface...)
- identify options for the evacuation of wastewater, infiltration into the soil ...

#### Our advice:

- The study must meet defined standard specifications. a.
- Recommend an approved sanitation project design company. b.
- This study will serve as the basis for a quotation. c.

#### 2. Verification of the 'design' by The SPANC

The client sends its study project to The SPANC in his/her town.

## **SThe SPANC's advice:**

In return, the SPANC or the local Mairie will issue an opinion of the study which may lead to reconsider some issues with the sanitation project design company.

#### Our advice:

Before starting any work, One must have received a notice of approval and read the 0 recommendations indicated by The SPANC.

#### 3. The completion of work

Work must be consistent with the sanitation project study, undertaken with suitable, good quality materials and consider any recommendations advised by The SPANC.

- Our advice:
  - One must have received the SPANC's notice of approval before starting any work and read any advice that might have been given.
  - Usage of an approved sanitation project design company.
  - Contact the SPANC as soon as the approximate start date of work is planned.
  - Contact the SPANC 48 hours before the date of possible completion inspection (open trenches). In case of problems to implement the proposed facility do not change the plan without
  - discussing it with the SPANC who will explain the procedure to be followed.

4.

## Verification of work 'completion'.

The company contacts the SPANC to fix a date for the completion inspection. This control shall include: - Proper implementation of the system described in the study.

- The connections of all sewage outlet facilities.
- Ventilation.

## SThe SPANC's advice:

Following this inspection, some changes to the installation may be required. After approval, the system can be put into service.

Our advice:

- Give your client a copy of the user's guide; complete it with him, explaining the 0 maintenance procedure.
  - As part of your customer satisfaction, suggest that your client fills in the 'satisfaction form'.

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## 5. Installation longevity

#### - Maintenance of the installation

Maintenance is variable, depending on the nature of the system.

- Visual inspection and periodic cleaning of the pre-filter;
- changing of materials of this pre-filter (pozzolana and others);
- Visual inspection of distribution and collection chambers;

- .....

#### - Regular services

There is no exact period of time between services; this varies according to technique used. It may relate to the frequency of emptying that must be adapted to the height of sewage, which must not exceed 50% of usable volume in the case of a septic tank.

All emptying must be done by a licensed company.

#### Our advice:

• The reference document required for each installation is in the user's guide, it is here that your customer can keep his and maintenance records and contract.

#### 6. Periodic inspection of the system.

The SPANC will conduct checks of the system at regular intervals, (period of intervals depends on each individual SPANC office - maximum interval ten years).

Main points included in the check:

- Accessible viewing windows.
- Sewage level in the tank.
- Maintenance upkeep since the last inspection.
- The flow of wastewater to the ANC.
- Presence and condition of ventilation.



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