



RECLAMATOR INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Please READ for information regarding the building permit process as it pertains to installation of the "Reclamator".

At this time there is only one permitted installation for the *Reclamator* in San Luis Obispo County. The County issued a building permit for the installation of a *Reclamator* at the residence of Mr. Murphy, the President and CEO of AES, the company promoting and selling the *Reclamator*. This system currently releases all treated wastewater effluent into a community sewer collector system that is provided for his residence. This community sewer disposes of all wastewater into an approved leach field.

Advanced Environmental Systems advertisements suggest that the *Reclamator* system is approved by the nationally recognized testing laboratory, NSF. The County has been advised by NSF that although Advanced Environmental Systems submitted a product for testing called the *BESTEP* many years ago, neither the *BESTEP* nor the *Reclamator* is currently approved by them.

The San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building has received specific direction from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding permitting the installation of the *Reclamator*. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will allow the permitting of the *Reclamator* only under the following conditions:

1. A *Reclamator* may be used in place of a conventional septic tank. The effluent quality from the *Reclamator* is no worse than a standard septic tank. The effluent from the *Reclamator* shall be discharged into an approved leach line or leach pit.
2. Property owners living in the Los Osos Prohibition zone may replace their septic tank with a *Reclamator*. However, the *Reclamator* shall be properly abandoned (similar to septic tank/leach field systems) and the property will be required to connect to the community sewer when it becomes available.
3. The County is not allowed to permit alternative onsite systems at this time. Due to this, the *Reclamator* can only be placed and used as a conventional septic tank. Alternative onsite systems require approval by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Any questions regarding the building permit process as it pertains to the *Reclamator* system may be directed to Barry Tolle, EHS, at the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building, (805) 781-5628.