

Subsurface Sewage Disposal System CLEANER Exam Information

For applications, exam schedule and other licensing information, please visit the CT DPH Environmental Practitioner website: [Environmental Practitioner Licensing](#)

- Cleaner applications must be completed and submitted to the Department of Public Health (DPH) for entry into the CT exam.
- The cleaner exam is offered 4 times a year at the CT DPH in Hartford, CT.
- Exam time allowed is 1 hour; passing grade is 80 or higher.
- The exam is closed book. No notes or electronic devices may be used during the exam.
- Exam consists of 25 true/false questions.

The Connecticut Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (COWRA) offers an optional preparation course for the Septic Cleaner exam starting each January. For more information, including tuition cost, visit their website: www.cowra-online.org or call (860) 267-1057.

Study Material

The following documents should be used as study material when preparing for the CLEANER exam. All documents are available for purchase or as a free download on the [Subsurface Sewage – Environmental Engineering](#) website.

1. ***CT PHC Regulations and Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems***
 - Public Health Code Sections 19-13-B103b, c and f
 - Technical Standards Section V (Septic Tanks and Grease Interceptor Tanks)
2. ***Design Manual - Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems for Households and Small Commercial Buildings***
 - Chapters 1, 8, 9, and 29