Percolation Test Recording Sheet

 These tests should be carried out within and be representative of, the proposed infiltration area which should be at least 5m from the intended building and any boundary.

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2. Excavate 2 percolation holes, not less than 5m apart 9800mm square to a depth of 300mm below the proposed invert level of the effluent distribution pipe. Where deep holes are necessary, the hole should conform to this shape at the bottom but may be enlarged above the 300mm level to enable safe excavation to be carried out.

- 3. Fill the 300mm square section of the holes to a depth of at least 300mm with water and allow it to seep away overnight. It is important to saturate the soil surrounding the test hole to simulate day to day conditions in an operational drainage field.
- 4. Next day, refill the test sections with water to a depth of at least 300mm and observe the time (T) in seconds, for the water to seep away from 75% to 25% full level.
- 5. Extreme weather conditions should be avoided when testing.

6. In evaluating your test results please note that where the Vp value does not fall between 15 secs/mm and 100secs/mm then infiltration trench or bed systems may not be possible.

Trial	Depth	Depth of	Time taken	Percolation	Occupant	Minimum
Hole	below	Water	between	Value	Capacity	Area
	ground	(minimum	75% & 25%	Vp=T/150	, ,	A=P x Vp
	level	300mm)	full(seconds)			x 0.25
			(T)	(Vp)	(P)	(A)
1	(Test 1)	300	6600	44		
	(Test 2)	300	6900	46		
	(Test 3)					
2	(Test 1)	300	7140	47.6		
	(Test 2)	300	7260	48		
	(Test 3)					
'	-		Average Vp	46	Average A	m♠