

PREFACE

There exists a wealth of technical information on septic tank systems, yet little appears to have reached the local user along the South African coast line. This report hopes to rectify this problem.

Much of the information contained in the report has previously been published by other authors, who are listed in the Bibliography. The report draws heavily on the earlier CSIR research, but also includes research findings from the USA, United Kingdom and Australia.

It is well to remember

Septic tanks don't fail - it is rather a case of people who fail to design, locate, install and use them correctly