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Re: Change in Approved Planning Materials for an On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF)
Application

Dear Installer,

We have recently witnessed numerous inspections where the installer has called for a final inspection and the construction has been changed significantly from the approved planning materials and design drawing. This is in violation of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules for On-Site Sewage Facilities, TAC Chapter 285.61(7) & (8), Duties and Responsibilities of Installers, which states, *Construct the OSSF that has been authorized by the permitting authority for the specific location identified in the site evaluation; and, Stop construction and return to the permitting authority to change the planning materials if site or soil conditions, materials, or supplies make compliance with the planning materials impossible.* We have typically been seeing the lengths of sewer pipes being changed, prior to the septic tank, but in some instances, the bed configuration is also being modified. For accuracy purposes, we consider a change in the design to be a modification of ± 3 feet.

Beginning immediately, we will fail the inspection upon arrival at the site, where the actual construction deviates from the approved drawing by ± 3 feet. You will then be required to pay a re-inspection fee and schedule another inspection. Most of the installers are already providing the Ector County Health Department with changed planning materials, prior to requesting an inspection. This notice is intended to bring all installers within compliance of the OSSF rules. To be clear, this is not only a violation of your license, but also a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sincerely,



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cc: Gino Solla, Director of the Ector County Health Department

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