



BOARD OF HEALTH

TOWN HALL, 30 MARTIN STREET, ESSEX, MASSACHUSETTS 01929-1219

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AGREEMENT TO UPGRADE A SEPTIC SYSTEM

I hereby submit that my septic system fails one or more of the criteria specified in 310 CMR 15.303. I wish to forego the system inspection ordered by the Board of Health. I understand that by signing this document I agree to upgrade my septic system to conform to the standards of 310 CMR 15.404 and 15.405, i.e., without the ordered system inspection. I also agree to allow a Board of Health representative to view my system to verify the extent of the failure.

Property Address

Map

Lot

Card

Print Name of Property Owners

Signature of Property Owner

DATE

Please fill out the attached form indicating the reason why you believe the system is in failure.



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SEPTIC SYSTEM QUESTIONNAIRE

This septic system questionnaire is to be used in lieu of a septic system inspection performed by a DEP approved septic system inspector. This form may be used by the Board of Health to determine, pursuant to 310 CMR 15.303 that your system does not adequately protect the public health and safety and the environment. This determination would result in the Board of Health issuing an order to upgrade the system pursuant to 310 CMR 15.393.

Please check the criteria below by which your system fails per Title 5.

1. _____ There is a backup of sewage into the facility served by the system or any component of the system as a result of an overloaded and/or clogged soil absorption system or cesspool.
2. _____ There is a discharge of effluent (sewage) directly or indirectly to the surface of the ground through ponding, surface breakout or damp soil above the disposal area or to a surface water of the Commonwealth.
3. _____ The static liquid level in the distribution box is above the level of the outlet invert.
4. _____ The liquid depth of the cesspool is less than six inches from the inlet pipe invert or the remaining volume within a cesspool above the liquid depth is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of one day's flow.
5. _____ The septic tank or cesspool requires pumping more than four times per year.
6. _____ The septic tank is cracked or otherwise structurally unsound indicating substantial infiltration or exfiltration is occurring or is imminent.
7. _____ A cesspool, privy, or any portion of the soil absorption system (the leachfield) extends below the high groundwater elevation.
8. _____ Other criteria pursuant to 15.303 (1) (b) or (c) or 15.303 (2). Please explain below and confer with the Wastewater Sanitarian concerning these criteria.