



Board of Supervisors

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Dear Residents:

Enclosed is important information about private septic systems and new requirements affecting land owners in Straban Township.

As required by Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act 537, Straban Township adopted a plan to meet its responsibilities under the act, and recently approved an ordinance that requires regular pumping and inspection of private septic systems.

Straban Township has announced these changes in public notices, but this letter may be your first introduction to these requirements, and the Straban Township Supervisors would like to provide as much information as possible to assist land owners in understanding their responsibilities.

Under Straban Township Ordinance 2009-02, the township is divided into three septic pumping districts, which are referred to as Pumping Districts 1, 2 and 3. A map of Straban Township that shows the location of each Pumping District is included on the second page of this letter.

You are receiving this letter because our records show that you own property that is located within Pumping District 1. The ordinance states that on-lot sewage systems in the township must be inspected and pumped every three years, and Straban Township is phasing in this requirement beginning with Pumping District 1.

Land owners with on-lot septic systems in Pumping District 1 are required to have their systems pumped and inspected by March 7, 2010. After this initial pumping/inspection, you would be required to have your septic system pumped and inspected every three years. If your septic system has already been pumped within the past year, you may request postponement of this initial requirement until the next regular pumping cycle for District 1.

These same requirements will be phased in over a three year period to include land owners within Pumping Districts 2 and 3. After that initial phase-in period, all land owners with on-lot septic systems will be required to have their systems pumped and inspected every three years.

As the enclosed notice states, affected land owners need to make arrangements for their system with one of the certified Pumper/Haulers shown on the enclosed list. These Pumper/Haulers are registered with Straban Township and are certified to perform the required septic system pumping and inspection. The land owner is responsible for the cost of the system pumping/inspection, and for meeting this initial requirement by March 7, 2010 (for systems in Pumping District 1).

The Straban Township Supervisors recognize that these septic system requirements place a burden on land owners, both in terms of cost and inconvenience. Although Straban Township is not the first municipality in Adams County to adopt these state requirements, you may have been unaware of them previously and may own other property in the county that is not yet affected. Eventually, all

municipalities will have to adopt similar ordinances for regular septic system pumping and inspection.

Please direct any questions and concerns about the enclosed notice and these requirements to the Straban Township office at (717) 334-4833.

We appreciate your understanding and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David Lutz, *Code Enforcement Officer*,
Sharon E. Hamm, *Chairman*

Mike L. Spangler, Sr. *Vice Chairman*
Troy A. Martin, *Supervisor*

List of Registered Pumper / Haulers for 2010

Dillsburg Excavating & Septic, Inc

516 Range End Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019
717-432-9704

Peck's Septic Service

68 Pine School Road
Gardeners, PA 17324
717-486-5548

Shealers Septic Service

510 Hunterstown Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-334-3565

Smith's Sanitary Septic Service

1234 Baltimore Street
Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-5630

Richard E. Weidner Paving & Excavating, Inc. LLC

1495 Carlisle Road
Aspers, PA 17304
717-677-7949

Williams Septic Tank Service

455 S. High Street
Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-2703

Young's Sanitary Septic Service

P.O. Box 704
Dillsburg, PA 17019
717-432-3514

Straban Township Pumping District Map

