Mecklenburg County
Health Department

April 11, 2000

Dale and Sharon Jagow
10701 Connell Mill Road
Charlotte, NC 28227

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jagow:

In 1990 the North Carolina Administrative Code governing septic tank systems was amended to require routine maintenance and inspection of certain septic tank systems. The wastewater treatment and disposal system that serves your residence is one of these systems (Type IIIb, septic system with a single effluent pump or siphon). Research conducted on septic tank systems has shown that properly maintained systems perform better and protect the home/business owner's investment. These State rule changes required local health departments to perform additional inspections without additional resources. During the 1998-99 budget hearings, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved user fees to offset costs and to allow the local health department to comply with mandatory enforcement requirements in the State regulations.

Since you have a pump system, these new rules and fee requirements affect you. The fee is $85.00 and is due upon receipt of this notice. We have visited your property and performed the required inspection. Our assessment of your septic system is enclosed. For the continued efficient operation of your septic tank system we strongly recommend that you have both the septic as well as the pump tanks pumped out as soon as possible. In addition, bacterial and inorganic samples were collected to help assess the quality of your water supply source. The laboratory analysis of the well water sample was reported to be negative for coliform bacteria. The results of the inorganic samples are not yet available from the State Laboratory; you will be mailed these results as soon as we receive them.

We are excited about the interest and support demonstrated by the BOCC. Past performance in this area was more enforcement oriented rather than supportive. One of our goals is to establish our department as a resource to you to aid and assist you with this and related public health concerns. The inspection program and the water analysis are important to the health of you and your family. This is a very important initiative intended to protect the public's health while improving and preserving our groundwater resources.

Your prompt fee payment is appreciated. Should you have comments and questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

L B Thompson Jr., R.S.

Larry B. Thompson, Jr., R.S., Coordinator
Managed Systems Program
Individual Water and Wastewater Systems

cc: Fiscal Services Manager, HMHCS

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED (cont.)

Improvement	Repair Within (Days)

INTENT TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE PERMIT

This is to notify you of intent to suspend/revoke your operation permit/certificate of completion 60 days from this date for the following
(circle one) *(circle one)*

violations: _____
[Law or Rule(s)]

If suspended, the operation permit or certificate of completion remains suspended until violations are corrected. A hearing will be held prior to suspension or revocation if you file a petition for a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, P. O. Drawer 27447, Raleigh, NC 27611-7447, in writing within the number of days specified above of your intent to attend the hearing. If you do not petition the Office of Administrative Hearings, the operation permit or certificate of completion will be suspended or revoked.

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT

This is to notify you of immediate suspension/revocation of your operation permit/certificate of completion for the following violations:
(circle one) *(circle one)*

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[Law or Rule(s)]

If suspended, the permit or certificate remains suspended until the violations are corrected. You will be notified of the day and location of a hearing on this suspension or revocation by a hearing officer from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

This the _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

_____ Agent
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose: Article 11 of Chapter 130A requires the Commission for Health Services to adopt rules governing the design, construction, and operation of on-site wastewater systems. 15A NCAC 18A .1937 specifies that the local health department shall determine whether systems with an Operation Permit are operating properly at a frequency specified in Rule .1961, Table V(a), and that systems which exceed 3,000 gallons per day and other systems which are required to be designed by a professional engineer shall be reinspected annually. This form is developed to be used in making inspections of engineered subsurface wastewater systems.

Preparation: Local environmental health specialists shall complete the form every time they conduct an inspection. Prepare an original and two copies for:

1. Original to be left with the responsible person.
2. Copy for the local health department.
3. Copy for the On-Site Wastewater Section, Division of Environmental Health.

In the event the permit is suspended or revoked, complete the portion above.

Disposition: This form may be destroyed in accordance with Standard 7, Inspection Records, of the *Records Disposition Schedule* published by the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

Additional forms may be ordered from: On-Site Wastewater Section
Division of Environmental Health
P. O. Box 29594
Raleigh, NC 27626-0594
(Courier 52-01-00)

N. C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Health

INSPECTION OF ENGINEERED SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Mecklenburg — Health Department | Name of Establishment | 68374 — Permit/Project No.

10701 Connell Mill Lane — Location | residence — Type of Establishment | 360 gpd — Design Flow

Dale & Sharon Jagow — Owner/Agent | Address | Phone

None - TTL — Operator | Address | Phone

Remarks

	Yes	No	REMARKS
1. ESTABLISHMENT:			
Type, size, and sewage flow in accordance with permit?	☒	☒	
2. COLLECTION SYSTEM:			
No evidence of leaks into or out from sewer lines/manholes?	☐	☐	
Free of blockages/solids buildup in lines or manholes?	☐	☐	
3. TANKAGE (Grease Traps/Lift Stations/Septic/Dosing Tanks):			Pump tanks contains 4-6" of suspended solids - time to have both tanks pumped out. The suspended solids are what will clog soil pores and cause premature septic system failure.
Tank risers accessible and surface water diverted?	☑	☐	
Tanks and access manholes structurally sound, watertight?	☑	☐	
Sanitary tee(s) in good working condition?	☒	☒	
Tanks pumped, cleaned out as needed?	☐	☑	
4. RAW SEWAGE LIFT STATION (if present):			
Required pumps present, operating, and cycling properly?	☑	☐	
High-water alarm present and operating properly?	☑	☐	
Floats/pipe/valves/disconnects in good working condition?	☑	☐	
Control panel enclosure/components in good condition?	☑	☐	
5. EFFLUENT DOSING SYSTEM:			
Effluent appears clear, free of excess solids?	☐	☐	
PUMP SYSTEMS:			
Required pumps present, operating, and cycling properly?	☐	☐	
High-water alarm present and operating properly?	☐	☐	
Floats/pipe/valves/disconnects in good working condition?	☐	☐	
Control panel enclosure/components in good condition?	☐	☐	
Elapsed time readings: _____ _____ _____ _____			
SIPHON SYSTEMS:			
No evidence of overflow or siphon leakage?	☐	☐	
Siphon(s) appear to be working/alternating properly?	☐	☐	
Bells and vents free of debris and in good condition?	☐	☐	
6. GROUND ABSORPTION FIELDS:			Looks good
No evidence of effluent surfacing/reaching surface waters?	☑	☐	
Minimal ponding in subsurface trenches?	☑	☐	
Surface water being effectively diverted away?	☑	☐	
Diversions/ditches/swales/tile drains properly maintained?	☑	☐	
Line cover/vegetation adequate/maintained as needed?	☑	☐	
Protected from traffic, destructive uses?	☑	☐	
Distribution devices in good condition, working properly?	☑	☑	
Repair area properly reserved, maintained?	☑	☐	
LOW-PRESSURE PIPE DRAIN FIELDS:			
Turnups/cleanouts/valves intact and accessible?	☐	☐	
No effluent standing in lower laterals?	☐	☐	
Laterals free of excess solids, cleaned out as needed?	☐	☐	
Pressure head is properly adjusted?	☐	☐	

OVERALL CONDITION AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM: No sewage surfacing

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED:

Improvement	Repair Within (Days)
Pump both the septic and pump tanks out	

DATE: 4-5-00 SIGNED: J B Montgomery, Jr., R.S. AGENT

Division of Environmental Health

DENR 3702 (Revised 3/98)
On-Site Wastewater Section (Review 12/98)

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