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GILA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**CONVENTIONAL SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION SCHEDULE
FOR OWNER INSTALLED SYSTEMS AND NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM CONTRACTORS
(Attach to "Construction Authorization for an onsite wastewater Treatment Facility")**

After a "*Construction Authorization for an onsite wastewater Treatment Facility*" has been issued by the Environmental Health Wastewater Department, several construction inspections must be performed. These inspections are required to insure the system is installed in conformance with the ADEQ "Aquifer Protection Permits." Once certain stages of construction are complete, the installer must stop construction, contact our office and receive a satisfactory inspection before proceeding further.

This segmented inspection regime must be followed until a final "*Discharge Authorization for an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Facility*" can be issued by the EH Wastewater Department. This document is required before the property owner can use the system. Each construction stage is listed below:

1. FIRST STAGE - When the septic tank is installed STOP and call for inspection to verify:

- The tank is level and oriented properly as to inlet and outlet
- Setbacks are met for tank and leach line layout
- Effluent filter installed in outlet of tank
- Compliance with approved plans
- Water tightness test is successful, if required by ADEQ rules

2. SECOND STAGE - When the leach line trenches are dug and before leach line rock is placed STOP and call for inspection to verify:

- Depth, width and length of trenches are correct
- Bottom of each trench is level
- Distance between trenches is correct

3. THIRD STAGE AND FINAL INSPECTION - When leach lines are installed, but not covered, STOP and call for inspection to verify:

- Leach lines and distribution box are level
- Leach line perforations are properly aligned
- Inspection ports are oriented vertically, extend from trench bottom to above grade and are perforated below the leach pipe and solid or sealed above leach pipe
- Septic tank has risers or permanent markers to grade.

Upon successful completion of the third stage inspection the installer must complete and submit a "*Request to Verify General Permit Conformance*" before a "*Verification of General Permit Conformance*" (Approval of Construction) can be issued and the system placed in operation. This is normally completed on the same day.

Should you have any questions, please call:

- Southern Gila County at (928) 425-3231 extension 8517
- Northern Gila County at (928) 474-1210