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## BUILDING DEMOLITIONS AND RENOVATIONS WITH THE USE OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM

The Hunterdon County Health Department would like to clarify the requirements for septic systems when dealing with demolitions and rebuilding on existing lots. Due to the increase in these types of activities in the past few months and problems we have encountered, this department has developed new requirements when reviewing demolitions and new construction on properties.

1. The requirements for demolitions of an existing structure and the building of a new structure on another location of the property are as follows. If the septic system is **prior to January 1, 1990** then this type of septic disposal system would be considered new construction and require new soil testing and design by a professional engineer conforming to all the requirements of N.J.A.C.7:9A. and local ordinances.

If the disposal system was installed after **January 1, 1990** then reuse and connection to the existing septic system is acceptable if a professional engineer writes a letter to certify the system is not malfunctioning and the new structure will not increase the gallons per day of sewage beyond the original design. In addition, the existing system must conform to all current Board of Health ordinances.

2. For dwellings which have been demolished due to fires, flooding or other natural disasters, and there are plans to rebuild on the same footprint, the requirements for reuse of the existing system are as follows: a report by a NJ Professional Engineer certifying the system is not malfunctioning and the reconnection of the existing system will not result in an increase in gallons per day of sewage must be provided. If this cannot be accomplished then a new system conforming with all aspects of N.J.A.C. 7:9A will be required.

Please be advised if a new system is required then the applicant is responsible for obtaining all Federal, State or Local approvals prior to the commencement of work, including but not limited to NJDEP permits for Freshwater Wetlands, Transition Areas or Flood Plain Jurisdictions. Failure to obtain permits could result in significant civil penalties.

The Township Board of Health, Construction Official or Zoning Officer may have other ordinances pertaining to these issues, please provide that information to this department.