

Re: Alternative Onsite Sewage System (AOSS) (Septic System) Informing of State Required Maintenance and Monitoring

Dear System Owner:

Local Health Department records indicate that you are the owner of an existing Alternative Onsite Sewage System (AOSS). As a reminder, state-wide regulations were promulgated (effective April 7, 2010) requiring the owners of AOSSs to acquire and maintain a relationship with an operator certified in the Commonwealth of Virginia to perform onsite inspection, evaluation, sampling, and reporting of their systems. In addition, final regulations of enforcement were recently published on December 7, 2011. Failure to comply with these regulations, as well as deadlines for compliance (if any), could result in the submittal of substantial fees to the system owners by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

As outlined in the regulations, a certified operator must periodically visit, inspect, adjust, and sample (if required) your system dependent on size, type, and installation date. The observations, sample results, and any adjustments or recommendations made by the operator must be reported to the applicable local Health Department's Environmental Office. **These regulations apply only to the owners of installed and operating alternative systems.** If you feel that you have received this letter in error, contact our office or you local Health Department for verification. (For more information on the regulations and their date of publishing, visit the VDH website: <u>http://www.vdh.state.va.us/index.htm</u> > Environmental Health > Onsite Sewage and Water Services > Regulations.)

As a VA licensed AOSS inspector, I am writing to inform you of Greenway Engineering's services that can help assist you in compliance with these regulations. In addition to our Virginia licensed AOSS staff, Greenway Engineering offers a Virginia certified in house laboratory. Greenway provides an un-biased and independent environmental inspection and is not affiliated with service-related contractors or system providers. Therefore, we will not unnecessarily recommend changes or repairs.

If you have yet to meet the requirements, ensure your system's compliance and please contact us for a quote and detailed description of services required for your particular system. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely, Greenway Engineering, Inc.

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