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ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (OWTS) CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROCEDURES

NO WORK IS TO BEGIN UNTIL THE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN OWTS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

A minimum of two construction inspections are conducted during the course of construction of a typical OWTS.

For the initial inspection, the excavations for the leach line(s) must be open. The drain rock must also be on-site but not installed. The inspector will observe the general dimensions and setbacks of the system, and will observe the soil material for conformity with the soils report.

For the second inspection, the pipe(s) and rock must be installed in the leach line or seepage pit excavations, the septic tank installed, and all components of the OWTS connected and ready for service. Please note that the septic tank can be installed at the time of initial inspection. It is not necessary for the building sewer to be connected to the septic tank. The inspector will observe all components of the system for proper materials and installation in compliance with Ventura County Standards.

A notification listing items not in compliance with Ventura County standards will be posted at the job site when violations are observed by the inspector. Notification of acceptance by the inspector is required prior to backfilling of the system unless unsafe conditions could result from leaving the system open.

Owner-builders or licensed contractors who are authorized by the owner(s) are required to schedule all inspections and confirm receipt of all inspection notices.

Alternative systems (i.e., mound systems, sand filtration systems) will require additional inspections.

A safe worksite must be maintained at all times. **STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR ALL OPEN EXCAVATIONS BE PROVIDED.**

Inspections may be scheduled by calling 805/477-7136, **24 HOURS PRIOR** to desired inspection. In the event you wish to cancel a scheduled inspection, please contact this office as soon as possible to avoid reinspection charges.

Reinspections are charged at an amount equal to actual time expended by County personnel to conduct reinspection, including travel time, rounded up to the nearest half hour, times the current contract hourly rate.