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Re: LEAN Project/Draft General Permit Comments

Dear Ms. Daha:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your Department comments on the draft *General Permit to Discharge from Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems Serving Existing Facilities* that bears a June 18, 2010 revision date. The Department of Public Health (DPH) thanks your department for the opportunity to participate in the 2009 Kaizen event, and for the opportunity to review the draft General Permit before it officially goes to public notice. As you know, the draft General Permit was distributed to our Code Advisory Committee (CAC), and it will be discussed at a CAC meeting this afternoon. I have encouraged our CAC stakeholder organizations to review the draft General Permit and to provide comments to your agency.

Based on language in the draft permit, and feedback received at meetings with your agency, DPH understands that this Department's Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems will be referenced for both construction and design purposes. DEP staff that will be reviewing and approving the Technical Plans should attend DPH's sewage disposal training and certification programs so that they have basic understanding of the Technical Standards. DPH also understands that your agency plans on stipulating that DPH licensed installers must install the subsurface sewage disposal systems covered by the General Permit. DPH hereby requests a meeting with your agency before the draft is finalized to discuss DPH's role under the General Permit. The subject matter of the meeting will include discussions on technical support, and enforcement and administrative matters.

Attached please find comments from the Environmental Engineering Program and from the Drinking Water Section. DPH staff is available to further discuss the comments, and to review subsequent revisions of the draft permit. Please contact me at (860) 509-7296 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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