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Public and Environmental Health Program
Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines

H-10 Components Discovered Beneath Parking Areas and Driveways
During Septic System
Inspections Conducted Under 310 CMR 15.301, State Environmental Code, Title 5
No. 2012-005

When a DEP certified inspector discovers an H-10 septic system component located beneath a parking area or driveway during a septic system inspection, conducted under 310 CMR 15.301 State Environmental Code Title 5, the system shall be deemed as a "conditional pass."   The system owner will then be ordered, by the Board of Health, to correct this problem within two (2) years and will be provided several options to rectify the issue, including by:

a.) replacing the septic system component with a new component relocated into another area of land which is <u>not</u> beneath any parking area or driveway, and properly abandoning the discovered H-10 component, or by

b.) replacing the septic system component with an H-20 component beneath the parking area or driveway, and properly abandoning the discovered H-10 component, or by

c.) relocating the parking area or driveway in such a way that no vehicle will have access or the ability to drive over the existing H-10 septic system component.

If it is unknown whether or not a particular system component which is located beneath a parking area or driveway, is H-10 or H-20 (for example: a leaching pit is located beneath a paved driveway without an accessible steel cover to grade and there are no records on file indicating whether the system component is H-10 or H-20), the system shall also be deemed as a "conditional pass". In this case, the seller must make the potential buyer(s) aware of the "conditional pass" status, the unknown construction of the septic system component(s), and it's safety concerns.

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