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RE: Operations Permit

Beginning 01/01/2015 the Ohio Department of Health requires that all systems installed be placed in an operation and maintenance program. The following are the requirements for the different types of systems.

### **Septic Tank and Leaching**

An operation permit for a standard tank and leaching and/or GWRS includes the following conditions:

- a. Verification of tank pumped every 3-5 years as needed
- b. All lids (tank and drop/distribution boxes) are accessible and above grade
- c. All components are maintained in good repair
- d. Effluent filter present and cleaned every 6 months
- e. No surface seepage is observed above or around the STS
- f. Adequate soil cover and vegetation
- g. Inspection from the Health District every 115 months
- h. **Permit valid for 10 years – (\$100.00 O&M Permit)**
- i. Excludes systems that require a variance

### **Aeration Tank and Leaching**

An operation permit for a system with a one/two-foot soil depth credit with leaching, spray irrigation, mound systems, and pod type systems includes the following conditions:

- a. Verification of tank pumped every 2-6 years as needed
- b. All lids (tank and drop/distribution boxes) are accessible and above grade
- c. All components are maintained in good repair
- d. No surface seepage is observed above or around the STS
- e. Adequate soil cover and vegetation
- f. O & M in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- g. Inspection from the health district every months. Inspection may be waived if O & M is demonstrated as stated in 3701-29-19 (D).
- h. **Permit valid for 8 years – (\$50.00 O&M Permit)**
- i. Excludes systems that require a variance

### **Discharging NPDES**

An operation permit for an NPDES permit includes the following conditions:

- a. Verification of tank pumped every 2-6 years as needed
- b. All lids are accessible and above grade
- c. All components are maintained in good repair
- d. No surface seepage is observed above or around the STS
- e. O & M in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- f. Inspection from the health district every 90 months. Inspection may be waived if O & M is demonstrated as stated in 3701-29-19 (D).
- g. **Permit valid for 8 years – (\$50.00 O&M Permit)**
- h. Excludes systems that require a variance