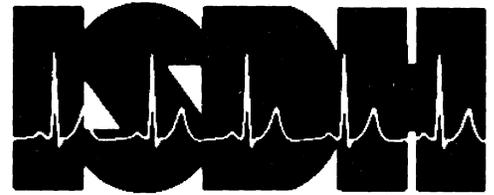


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SUBJECT: Experimental On-Site Sewage Disposal
At-Grade System

We have recently reviewed the status of the approval and use of experimental residential at-grade systems in Indiana. We recognize that a number of counties have undertaken the review of individual applications for new at-grade systems without our involvement; however, at-grade systems still fall under the experimental provisions of Rule 410 IAC 6-8.1.

Our review revealed that some problems are being encountered with this review process at the local level; with various versions of at-grade criteria being used, as well as some problems with system performance after installation.

Because of these reasons, we must require that all applications, with plans included, be forwarded to this office. Permit issuance may proceed only after we have completed our review. We must follow this procedure as we resolve the issues concerning the technology and procedures for the use of at-grade systems. We will make every effort to expedite this process.

Attached is a copy of the current draft of our guidance document on the design and construction criteria for at-grade systems. If you have any questions concerning this issue, please give me a call.

Enclosure

Cc: Howard Cundiff
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