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Mr. Greg Huff
Huff's Septic & Sewer
12700 3A Road
Plymouth, Indiana 46563

Dear Mr. Huff:

Re: Residential Onsite Sewage Systems
Location of Lawn Irrigation Systems

This is in response to your recent letter conversation concerning lawn irrigation (sprinkler) systems and the location of residential on-site sewage systems.

Buried lawn irrigation system pipes are water lines, and as such the appropriate separation distances outlined in Table II of Rule 410 IAC 6-8.1 for water lines must be maintained.

You should also be aware of the fact that saturation of the soil in the absorption field site by the use of sprinkler systems can cause the seepage of effluent to the ground surface. This seepage is a system failure as defined in 410 IAC 6-8.1-8.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tony Mancuso, St. Joseph County Health Department
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