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TO: SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT FIRM

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SUBJECT: YEAR 2016 ANNUAL FEE & FIRM PERMITTING

The N.C. Division of Waste Management operates a Septage Management Program in accordance with G.S. 130A-291. Every septage management firm is required by the General Statutes to obtain a permit to operate prior to starting business and prior to the start of each calendar year.

The N.C. Septage Management Rules, 15 NCAC 13B, were last amended **April 1, 2010**. If you do not have a copy of the rules, please contact our office at (919)707-8285 or you can download a copy of the rules from our website at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw/septage> . Particular attention should also be paid to **Section .0833** which requires the submission of certain information and the payment of an annual fee to the Department in order to obtain a permit.

Your year **2016 annual fee** should be made payable to the **DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT** and mailed along with the **required properly completed** "Application to Operate a Septage Management Facility".

You may also pay using e-check by visiting <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw/epayment>. You will need to use the zip code in the description box and the invoice number shown on your invoice to access your account. If a zip code is not listed use the code: 99999 along with the invoice number. Proceed with your payment by following the instructions on the e-payment screen. **ORIGINAL application forms must still be mailed to Attn: Michelle Sclafani, Division of Waste Management, Composting & Land Application Branch, 1646 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1646.**

Should your check be returned for non-payment a fee of \$25.00 will be charged. If the check is not adjusted by January 1, 2016, your fee payment will be considered late which will subject you to the 50% late fee.

Please note that the General Statutes, GS 130A-291.1(e2) provides that a 50% late fee be submitted by the applicant if the **annual fee payment and a properly completed application** are not submitted by January 1st, 2016.

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Everyone who operates a Septage Management Facility (Non-Pumper) must submit a completed Application and Fee. All forms submitted must be originals.

- 1) **If you operate a septage management facility (which may consist of a septage land application site, boat pump-out/storage, septage storage tanks, septage treatment facility, and/or grease treatment facility) you must submit the following:**

- a. *“Application for Permit to Operate a Septage Management Facility”.*
- b. Annual fee payment.

- 2) **If you are no longer operating a Septage Management Facility, please sign and return the enclosed “Notice of Ceased Operation as a Septage Management Firm.”**

The use of **ANY** Septage Land Application Site or Septage Treatment or Storage Facility for which a permit has not been issued is a violation of 15A NCAC 13B .0835(a) and/or 15A NCAC 13B .0836(a). A violation of these rules could result in the assessment of an administrative penalty of up to \$15,000 per day per violation or the initiation of other legal remedies allowed by law. If you are interested in obtaining a septage land application site please contact our office and we will be glad to provide the necessary information for you to start this process.

If you do not have a permitted Septage Land Application Site, a permitted Septage Detention or Treatment Facility, an Authorization to use a Wastewater Treatment Plant, or an authorization to use someone else’s permitted Septage Land Application Site and permitted Septage Treatment or Storage Facility, you will not be permitted as a Septage Management Firm.

If you have further questions or need additional forms, please contact Michelle Sclafani, Environmental Technician, at (919) 707-8285 or Michelle.Sclafani@ncdenr.gov . Thank you for your cooperation.