Summit County Public Health
Sewage Code 2015 Updates
and Public Hearing
Welcome and thank you for attending
This meeting is being recorded

Agenda
- Presentation
- Public Comment
- Meeting will end by 7:30 pm
- Additional comments may be mailed to 1867 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44313–6901 or e-mailed to SCPH at WQComments@scheid.org
Public Hearing Format

- Protocol for Public Comment:
  - Please sign in to comment; include name and address
  - Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes

- Response to comments
  - SCPH will reply to comments in writing within 10 days:
    - Posted to web site at www.scphoh.org
    - Copies will be made available for pick-up at the Environmental Health front desk located in building C
    - If you signed in and provided your e-mail we will e-mail comments and responses to you
On January 1, 2015, a new set of sewage rules went into effect to govern all STS (Sewage Treatment Systems) in the State of Ohio.

The code it replaces was created in 1977 and was significantly outdated.

Like most Ohio local health districts, SCPH has maintained a more stringent set of local rules for most of this period of time.
State Code Changes:

- Private sewage contractors:
  - Must pass an ODH test prior to registration
  - Must obtain insurance and bonding
- ODH will survey each LHD program every 3 yrs
- Expanded option on soil evaluations
- Elimination of SCPH isolation distance requirements
- System design menu of options increased:
  - Spray irrigation
  - Separate gray water treatment systems
State Code Changes:

- Requires LHD to create operation & maintenance programs
- Requires LHD to issue operation permits
- Septage and sewage management
- More stringent local codes to be reviewed and approved by ODH
- Increased reporting requirements for service providers and pumpers
Local Options provided in Rule

The State rules provide LHD with limited options on customizing program administration. Some highlights are:

- LHD may regulate small commercial systems
- Waive registration fee, liability insurance, bonding for persons installing their own system
- Adopt Fees
- Must establish a plan for development of an operation & maintenance plan
- Establish operation permit terms and conditions
SCPH began O&M inspections in 2004 applying to discharging systems, approximately 11,000 systems were included in this program.

O&M will now be required on all systems, about 33,000 systems will now be included in the program.

Mandatory pumping frequency is gone, service providers must measure the sludge in tanks and advise pumping as needed.
Operation Permits

- SCPH will issue an operation permit to owners of each Sewage Treatment System
- Owners will need to periodically renew the permits
- Owners will need to provide proof of compliance with the permit conditions or be subject to an Operation Inspection by SCPH staff
Operation Permit and Operation Inspection

- **Operation Permit**
  - Requires certain maintenance of each type of septic system
  - System observation and maintenance is done by a registered service provider
  - Service provider sends reports to SCPH

- **Operation Inspection**
  - Inspections of the Septic System performed by SCPH staff
  - Done on visible components only
  - Done on a Pass/Fail basis
  - $65.00 fee is charged for this operation inspection
Spring 2015 SCPH will be issuing operation permits to all of the following STS:

- All NPDES systems
- Discharging systems installed prior to 2007 in odd years
- 2007–2013 non-NPDES systems installed in odd years

*Approximately 7100 systems will be issued permits
*NPDES permits renewed yearly
*All other permits renewed every two years
2016 Operation permits will be issued to the following STS:

- All NPDES systems
- Discharging systems installed prior to 2007 in even years
- 2008–2014 on-lot systems installed in even years

*Approximately 7100 systems will be issued permits*
2017 Operation permits will be issued to the following STS:

- All NPDES systems
- All other STS installed in odd years

*Approximately 17,500 systems will be issued permits*
2018 Operation permits will be issued to the following STS:

- All NPDES systems
- All other STSs installed in even years

* Approximately 17,500 systems will be issued permits

* All STS will be covered under an Operation Permit
Operation Permit Cost to Home Owners

- NPDES permit will last 1 year and cost $30.00
- On-lot septic systems with no pretreatment operation permits will last 2 years and cost $20.00
- All other Operation Permits will last 2 years and cost $30.00
What is required of Homeowners

- Homeowners must have an Operation Permit
- Homeowners with NPDES (EPA) approved systems must complete required sampling and have a service contract
- All other homeowners with any type of septic system must either complete the required maintenance or be subject to the SCPH routine inspection program
What is required of Service Providers?

- Each septic system has a set of minimum requirements (See Handout)
- Service Providers must submit an inspection report and SCPH will review these reports and follow-up when necessary
- SCPH will be conducting Quality Assurance (QA) inspections on all service providers that choose to provide required maintenance. This QA will not cost an additional fee.
We will now begin the Public Comment part of our Hearing. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

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