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Nathaniel Rix
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Mr. Rix:

We have received documentation of the existence of a septic tank and possible sewage seepage pit on your property at 6738 Montgomery Road. The property has been connected to public sewer and the use of an onsite system is not authorized by the Health Department.

Howard County Code Section 3.810 (g) states:

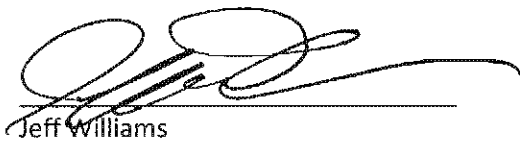
Abandonment. When a building that was served by an on-site sewage disposal system is connected to a public sewerage system or otherwise taken out of service, the on-site sewage disposal system shall be properly abandoned by an approved septic system contractor or licensed plumber within 30 days of public sewerage connection or discontinued usage as follows:

- (1) *Tanks and seepage pits.* All septic tanks and seepage pits (i.e., drywells) shall be fully pumped out of liquid waste or effluent and then backfilled with clean fill dirt or other approved material. All metal tanks shall be collapsed in place or physically removed prior to backfilling.
- (2) *Connections.* Unless used in the connection with the public sewerage system hook-up, any connection leading from the building to the abandoned system shall be fully severed at the building with the resulting opening into the building permanently capped or otherwise sealed.

You must abandon the tank as described above and explore for the existence of a seepage pit and, if found, abandon it as described above. You must also sever any pipes leading to the system or re-route them to the public sewer collection system. Documentation of abandonment, including pumping invoice from a licensed sewage hauler, must be submitted to the Health Department from the contractor who conducted the abandonment.

Your property will be flagged for Health Department review of any building permit applications. The Health Department will not approve any building permits on the property until we have received and approved documentation of proper abandonment as described above.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-313-1771.



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