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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Thomas G. Kump, P.E., Director *TGK*
DATE: November 16, 2017
RE: Realty Transactions

This correspondence shall serve as official notice that this office does not **require** sanitary surveys of sewage treatment systems for realty transactions. Furthermore, this office does not **conduct** sanitary surveys of sewage treatment systems for realty transactions. One would have to contact a private contractor to obtain a sanitary survey.

This office does maintain a listing going back 50+ years of all properties in Chemung County that have an "approved" sewage treatment system as documented through the issuance of a construction permit. There are also sewage treatment systems that have been installed prior to this time for which no permit was issued. Wastewater treatment systems that were installed prior to the commencement of the septic system permitting program in Chemung County could be considered "grandfathered" as long as a sanitary survey has been performed and that there was no apparent indication of system failure at the time of the sanitary survey. This Department would not require the installation of a new septic system for a "grandfathered" property unless there were signs that the system was in failure or that failure was imminent. Once a sewage treatment system is approved by this Department, we do require that the property owner maintain said system in good working order.

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding our requirements for sewage treatment systems, or you can visit www.chemungcountyhealth.org for more information.