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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: All Licensed Septic System Designers, Installers and P.E's

FROM: Greg Bishop, Eastgate District Supervisor

SUBJECT: Permanent power Notice on Title

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**1. Permanent power and pressure testing during the wet season**

As you all know all PT's must be performed with permanent power and hard wiring. As the wet season approaches and the installation period becomes more restricted there are usually requests for PT's prior to permanent power being available. In the past we have made exceptions to the rule as long as a valid reason existed and a protocol for re-testing was followed. If you have a situation that requires an exception please follow the process listed below.

**Protocol for re-testing:**

- The designer/P.E of record provides the Health Department (HD) a written request for testing without permanent power. This request may be faxed to one of the Senior inspectors at 206-296-4919.
- Include a statement offering a valid explanation and acknowledging that the designer/P.E. will be responsible for re-testing the system once permanent power is available.
- The initial PT may be scheduled following permission by the HD to test the system without permanent power. The HD will notify the Designer/P.E. of this permission by phone or fax.
- Once the system PT is successful and approved, the system may be covered as long as all ends of lines, valve adjustment points as well as the pump tank accesses remain uncovered for re-testing.
- Once permanent power is available the system is to be scheduled for a re-test. A \$50.00 re-inspection fee is required prior to scheduling this test with the HD.
- If the HD is unable to attend the re-inspection the designer must include proof of successful re-testing with the as-built submission. This would include a statement that the designer performed the retest including a copy of a completed OSS Performance Demonstration Report verifying test/performance results.

**2. Notice On Title for repairs**

A Notice on Title describes the owner's responsibilities for operating and maintaining their OSS. The Notice on Title typically states nothing in regard to the conformity of the system. The code states that all new systems, change of ownership of existing systems or any remodel, require a [Notice on Title 13.56.054](#).