

*Conditional Permit Statements for
Septic System Repairs*

PURPOSE

The purpose of this instruction is to provide clear guidance to staff as to the contents of a conditional statement and the circumstances under which they are to be used.

GENERAL

The Sonoma County Code Section 1-7B allows the County to impose conditions when granting approval of a permit. The Section has used conditional statements with septic system repair permits in order to clearly disclose the conditions under which a repair permit was issued. This has applied mainly to situations in which the repair is non-conforming to present code requirements. There has not, however, been a clear policy as to the wording of conditional statements or when they are to be used.

AUTHORITY

Sonoma County Code Section 1-7B
Division of Environmental Health Instruction 1-92

FORMS

Conditional Private Sewage Disposal Repair Permit Form

PROCEDURE

1. The attached “Conditional Private Sewage Disposal Repair Permit” form will be the standard form used for all conditional statements for septic system repairs.
2. The form will be used in the following circumstances:
 - a. The form will be used with all repairs which do not conform to present requirements pertaining to installation of a septic system.
 - b. The property owner must sign the form indicating knowledge and understanding of the requirements. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by Well and Septic Section Supervisor or the Field Operations Manager.

3. The following are examples of typical conditions which might be used if the “other” box is checked:
 - a. The Well and Septic Section recommends reduction in occupancy of this dwelling due to the marginal nature of the repair.
 - b. The Well and Septic Section recommends installation of low flow toilets, shower heads and flow restrictors.
 - c. The use of a washing machine in this dwelling is not recommended due to the marginal septic system conditions.
 - d. There is not sufficient area on the property for future repair of the leach lines. A malfunction of the septic system may lead to action by the County to vacate the dwelling.

4. The permit application is to be stamped “conditional.”

Attachment:

Conditional Private Sewage Disposal Repair Permit (portion of application)

Approved by:

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