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POWTS ABANDONMENT INFORMATION

Oneida County is required to maintain an inventory of POWTS (also known as a septic system) in Oneida County. If a POWTS is no longer in operation for any reason, Wisconsin Administrative Code, DSPS 383.33, requires that the system be permanently abandoned. In order to remove your POWTS from the county inventory and stop the triennial reporting requirement, you must have your POWTS properly abandoned and submit a POWTS abandonment form (located on the back of this letter) to our office at the address given above.

In order to properly abandon a POWTS, DSPS 383.33 requires the following:

1. Disconnect all piping to the tanks and/or pits;
2. Seal all disconnected piping to the tanks and pits as per DSPS 382;
3. Pump and dispose of the contents from all tanks and pits by a WI licensed septic pumper; and
4. Remove or destroy all the tanks and fill the pits with clean native soil, gravel or insert solid material. Proper destruction of a tank left in place includes removal of the cover, breaking the bottom, and collapsing the side walls of the tank.

These abandonment requirements apply to all systems that are no longer in use, including but not limited to those that serve a structure that has been connected to public sewer, serve a structure that no longer exists on the property, or those that are no longer functional and are replaced by a new private sewage system.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning and Zoning Department at (715) 369-6130.

POWTS ABANDONMENT FORM

To the system owner: It is important for you to verify the legal description, including the parcel number, with your tax records. Please indicate any changes or corrections on this form.

Office reference

Owner(s): _____ POWTS#: _____

Mailing address: _____

Legal description: G.L. or ¼ ¼ _____, Section _____, T_____, R_____ in _____ (township)

Subdivision: _____ Lot: _____ Parcel no: _____

Property address: _____

Please note: The person that performs the septic tank pumping must be properly licensed and must provide the information to complete all of the statements in the certification section. Any report that does not include all of that information cannot be accepted.

POWTS ABANDONMENT CERTIFICATION

The private sewage system identification above was abandoned on: _____ (date)

- 1) The septic tank(s) were pumped by licensed septic pumper: Yes No
- 2) The septic tank(s) were (please check the appropriate box): Completely removed
 Destroyed in place
- 3) If the septic tank(s) were destroyed in place, please certify that the following actions were taken: Tank cover removed
 Tank bottom broken
 Tank sidewalls collapsed
 Remaining pit filled
- 4) All piping leading to and from the septic(s) was disconnected and sealed: Yes No

Comments: _____

Licensed septic pumper: _____
Printed name Signature License #

Septic pumper business name: _____

POWTS abandoner: _____

POWTS abandoner business name: _____

Return this form to Oneida County Planning & Zoning, P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Please call (715) 369-6130 if you have questions.