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Re: Proposed New Regulations for Septic Tanks and Domestic Wells
(OWTS)

I recently went to your website and made an attempt to look at the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) draft policy. I don't know exactly what it says, but after spending an hour looking at all of the different pages and diagrams, it appears that the language in your policy is purposely confusing, unnecessarily complicated, and laden with legal and operational innuendos. I cannot find the exact area that relates to me as a residential property owner. I sense that this is another attempt to further regulate homeowners, create unnecessary regulations and fees, and create another government sub-agency to penalize and burden the public.

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Septic tank owners know very well the importance of a properly functioning septic system. There is no other system in our house that is more fundamental or more important than the septic tank and drain field. If the septic system is not functioning properly, water use in the entire house is suspended. I will know about the problem immediately and take corrective action. I do not need the state to get involved and dictate to me what I need to do. Regarding inspections, what exactly would the state need to inspect? Septic tanks are pumped and inspected every 4-5 years. They are buried in the ground with nothing easily accessible.

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As I see it, owners of septic systems should be rewarded for our stewardship of planet Earth, not punished by the state with more regulations, fees, and harassment. My use of water on my own land affects no one else. We take water that we own from our property, use as we need, then return it to our property. It is a self-contained, complete water-use system that is totally "green."

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This OWTS draft policy is simply another attempt to extract more money from citizens who are already over-burdened with taxes and regulations, and another attempt to justify your job and your bloated agency. Plenty of regulations already exist relating to the siting and installation of residential septic systems. We do not need any more. Do something that benefits the environment, such as eliminating drive-up windows where cars sit and idle for no reason, wasting gas and polluting the air.

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There is no documented case of any residential septic system contaminating any ground water supply. This is all part of the United Nations (UN) Agenda 21 Program. You are simply creating an avenue that will allow you to alter property rights. Leave rural homeowners alone.

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