

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Staff

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Subject: On-Site Soils Evaluations

I occasionally receive a soils evaluation report from a soils evaluation conducted at the request of the county health department which does not have the name of the property owner included on the report. If local sanitarians desire our assistance on these sites, they should be willing to provide the information we need in order to provide a complete report.

If a sanitarian requests the evaluation of a site, please inform them that we can do so only after we have been provided with the name of the property owner(s). If the evaluation is of a community for the purpose of a sewer feasibility study, the name of the community may be used. If the evaluation is for a proposed subdivision, the name of the subdivision should be provided and the property owner(s) name or developer's name, whichever is applicable, must be provided.

Another issue which must be addressed is the interpretation of soils evaluation reports provided by other persons. We can provide written recommendations to the local health departments only when: 1.) The person who conducted the evaluation is a certified soil scientist. 2.) The report from which we provide the interpretation is a complete report - all information has been recorded and there are apparently no missing pages from the report. 3.) We are provided a copy of the report for our files.