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## BY FAX AND MAIL

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Re:

Administrative Consent Order 99-1017; In the Matter of the Feoffees of the

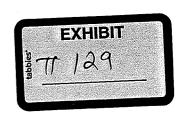
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Dear Ms. Morris:

I am in receipt of your letter submitted to the Feoffees dated November 17, 2003 with respect to the proposed schedule for coming into compliance with Title 5 and the Clean Waters Act. The Feoffees appreciate the extensions granted by the Department while the potential for sewering portions of Great Neck and Little Neck was considered by the Town. While that option is not eliminated at this time, there is additional work to take place within Ipswich for passage of such a warrant article.

In the interim, the Department has requested the Feoffees to fold in the four years of work under the ACO into the next two years for the installation of the tight tanks and drip irrigation systems. The Feoffees responded with a schedule for implementation within three (3) years through my letter, dated November 10, 2003, which the Department has deemed unacceptable. The Feoffees are unable to collapse the extensive construction schedule into two years for the 24 year round residences and 143 seasonal cottages.

The Feoffees hereby revise the November 10, 2003 letter by removing certain contingencies and adding construction dates for 2004-2006 to reference the ACO and to reflect the Department's request for specificity and monitoring results.



## **COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE**

January 15, 2004 – continue to work with the consultants identified to determine if feasible alternatives to tight tanks are available and provide the Department with a formal status report as to the coordination of electrical work with the upgrades. Provide list of residential structures in use per paragraph 21 of the ACO.

March 15, 2004 – Update status report; inform Department if Feoffees intend to go forward with the installation of tight tanks and pilot drip system for two year round residences or if there are feasible alternatives, seek approval from the Department.

April 1, 2004-May 25, 2004 – Install ten (10) tight tanks prior to Memorial Day if feasible alternatives are not approved by the Department and at least one drip system pilot.

September 15, 2004 – December 15, 2004 – Install remaining forty (40) tight tanks and second drip system pilot if no feasible alternatives are approved by the Department.

March 15-May 25, 2005 – Install 15-20 tight tanks for those residences for which it is not feasible to install an SDI system. Submit feasibility study for SDI systems required by paragraph 19 of the ACO and schedule for installation.

October 15 – December 15, 2005 – Install 30-35 tight tanks for those residences for which it is not feasible to install an SDI system pursuant to paragraph 22 of the ACO.

March 15-May 25, 2006 – Install tight tanks for those residences for which it is not feasible. Provide report as to number of SDI systems to be installed.

May 15, 2006 - Submit to the Department for review and approval plans and specifications for the SDI systems as recommended in the SDI report for installation by

October 15-December 15, 2006 – Complete installation of tight tanks per paragraph 23 of the ACO; commence work on drip systems

May 31, 2007 - Submit a groundwater discharge permit application in accordance with paragraph 25 of the ACO.

The Feoffees remain opposed to construction of the system upgrades taking place on Little Neck between May 25<sup>th</sup> and September 15, of any given year. The Feoffees have a policy that no major construction work takes place during this time period on Little Neck primarily due to public safety concerns. The narrowness of the roads, and the substantial number of children who use the area in the spring and summer requires special treatment. In addition the house density is not conducive to work at this time. All prior schedules submitted to the Commonwealth have been based upon installation of tight tanks, if necessary, and other upgrades to take place in the spring or in the fall, not

the summer. The above document anticipates compliance of tight tanks installation by December 2006 and SDIs by 2007. The Feoffees will submit monthly or quarterly reports as requested.

We remain available to answer the questions that you have on December 18th. We look forward to seeing you at 9 AM.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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