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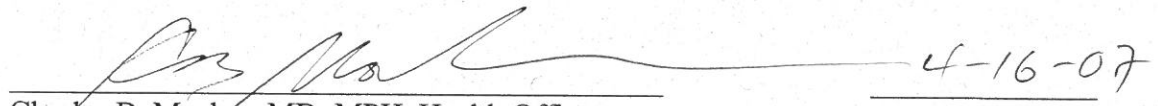
LEACHFIELD SETBACK FROM PONDS

POLICY 07-02

Currently our regulations require a 200 foot setback from "reservoirs or lakes" to a leachfield. This is the setback recommended by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

In the case of some onsite ponds, a closer encroachment of a leachfield is a safe alternative which opens options to a landowner. Encroachment no closer than 100 feet can be considered under the following circumstances:

1. The pond in question is not utilized for human recreation or drinking water.
2. The pond in question is fed by intermittent runoff, not underground water through a spring, or a normally flowing stream or creek. Intermittent runoff is defined as runoff that occurs in direct response to rain and does not continue more than a few days following the end of a rain event.


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