

BOARD OF HEALTH



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POLICY

SEPTIC TANK PUMPING AT TIME OF TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS

At the time of a septic system inspection conducted in accordance with 310 CMR 15.000, The State Environmental Code Title 5 pumping the septic tank is required except under the following cases:

1. Documentation is provided that the tank has been pumped within a year of the date of inspection.
2. The septic tank has deteriorated sufficiently that it must be replaced. Pumping is necessary during replacement.
3. The septic system is in failure and must be repaired.
4. The scum and sludge layer are less than one inch thick.

The witnessing member of the Board of Health or its Agent may waive this requirement for other extenuating circumstances.

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