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Dear Mr. Jones:

The Department has reviewed the information provided supporting your request for approval or acceptance of the SEPTECH™ septic tank series and related STAR™ riser system components. During this review, we identified a specific installation consideration applicable to tanks of similar construction and materials. We conclude that if the inlet end access manhole is extended to the ground surface, then this extension also fulfills the functions requiring the inspection port at 25 Pa. Code 73.31(c)(3). This manner of tank and riser installation should make the additional installation of an inspection port, either through the top of the tank or through the manhole cover as is done in the case of cast concrete septic tanks, unnecessary.

All septic tanks marketed for use in Pennsylvania must meet all of the requirements of 25 PA Code Chapter 73, Section 73.31. This regulation is available on the web at:

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/025/chapter73/s73.31.html>

It appears, when installed as described above, or if alternately an inspection port is installed where the manhole opening is not extended to ground surface level, the described SEPTECH™ septic tank series, including models ST-750, ST-1060, ST 1250, and ST-1500 and STAR™ riser system components are not in violation of any of the provisions of this regulation. Therefore, these tanks may be marketed in Pennsylvania as configured.

Please note that suitability of a septic tank (or any onlot sewage system component) is a determination made by the local agency sewage enforcement officer (SEO) in the field. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection does not certify or otherwise endorse the use of any specific manufacturer's products. This letter may only be used as evidence of our review of your product.



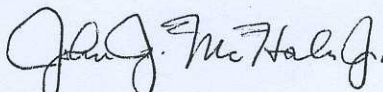
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We appreciate your company's interest in Pennsylvania. If you need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact Karen Fenchak at the above number or address.

Sincerely,



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