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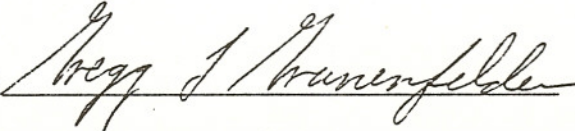
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SEE ALSO: Article IV, Sec. 17
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**POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF "TERRALIFT" MACHINE ON SEWAGE SYSTEMS IN THURSTON COUNTY**

This policy statement is in consideration of the information contained in Selden Hall's memorandum from WSDOH dated March 7, 1996. WSDOH has stated that the "Terralift" process constitutes an alteration of a drainfield, and as such, requires a permit from the local health jurisdiction.

1. Terralift operations shall not be conducted on any on-site sewage system within the jurisdiction of the Thurston County Public Health Department until such time as this process has been demonstrated to meet a recognized treatment standard that conforms with the requirements of Table VI for repairs or modifications of existing systems.

Section 17 of Article IV addresses repairs and modifications of existing systems. As an alteration (modification) of an existing drainfield, a permit from the Department is required for "Terralift" operations. In order to review and issue permits for "Terralift" operations, the process must provide a known level of treatment (meet treatment standard 1 or 2) and otherwise undergo review and testing sufficient to add the process to the WSDOH list of Approved Systems and Products on a non-experimental basis.

The WSDOH memo raises a significant number of questions and concerns regarding the "Terralift" process. Until such time as these questions are answered, the Thurston County Public Health Department shall not issue permits to apply the "Terralift" process to on-site sewage systems within its jurisdiction.

2. As a non-approved alteration, individuals performing "Terralift" operations within the jurisdiction of the Thurston County Public Health Department shall be subject to investigation and possible enforcement procedures by the Department.

Individuals performing unauthorized repairs or modifications of existing systems are in violation of Article IV, Section 9.1. Such individuals shall be subject to enforcement actions in accordance with Article IV, Section 25.