

## HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Joyce M. Boyd, M.D., County Health Officer

August 25, 1995

Tim and Joyce Foresman 6219 Rockburn Hill Road Elkridge, Maryland 21227

> RE: Your inquiry of August 4, 1995 regarding the evaluation of the Private Sewage Easement A 49887C, in the proposed subdivision of the Fischer property of Elkridge, MD

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Foresman:

Thank you for your expression of concern regarding the above referenced matter. At my instruction, Mr. Frank Skinner, Director of the Bureau of Environmental Health and Mr. Craig Williams, Supervisor of the Water and Sewerage Program, have reviewed the details pertaining to the evaluation and approval of the sewage disposal easement in question. Mr. Williams assures me that he investigated the matter at the time of your initial inquiry and concluded that all was in order. He apologizes for not recognizing that a specific reply was expected.

As clarification to you, pertinent details of the evaluation of the approved Fischer proposal are as follows:

- An area higher on the property was originally proposed and tested satisfactorily, but them could not be approved due to proximity to a well on a neighboring property.
- Subsequent reconfiguration and retesting resulted in approval of the septic easement in its current location.
- During this second round of testing, the "nearly" wetland conditions you
  described were encountered and disapproved; their location can be seen
  as the failed test holes shown on the signed percolation certification
  plan.
- These holes are not included in the approved sewage disposal easement; soil conditions in all portions of the reconfigured easement were found to be satisfactory. Perhaps it was the field inspector's comments about the failed holes that left you with some confusion about our final site evaluation. (See attached drawing.)

If I am reading your letter correctly, your final paragraph suggests that the configuration of the sewage easement, and perhaps the entire lot, is of concern to you for other reasons. If that is the case, I am truly sorry because the well that precipitated the entire relocation sequence is the hand dug well at the

house on the Park property which you currently occupy. During the recent renovation and re-occupancy of that house, this well was taken out of service and was to have been properly abandoned and sealed. Had this abandonment occurred as requested by this office then the Fischer lot could have been approved in a configuration that likely would have been more to everyone's liking.

Regarding this well, our request for proper abandonment and sealing of that well is still in effect. Even though the Fischer's septic area has been relocated to a safe distance from the well, the well continues to represent a potential source of contamination to the drinking water aquifer because of its proximity to your own septic system (approximately 47 feet away). The recent septic repair was permitted with the understanding that this well was to be abandoned and sealed.

Having stated your concern for protection of the environment, I would hope that you would now demonstrate your willingness to do your part by completing the abandonment of the well. If the work is to be performed by a licensed well driller, he would forward an abandonment report to this office. If it is to be done by any other party, then the work must be supervised by a Health Department sanitarian.

Very truly yours,

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County Health Officer

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Enclosure

cc: Secretary Martin Wasserman, M.D., J.D. Secretary John R. Griffin, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Ross Kimmel Joseph Rutter, Planning and Zoning Dr. Joyce M. Boyd County Health Officer Howard County Health Department 3525-H Ellicott Mills Drive Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4544

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## WAIVER PETITION APPLICATION

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All waiver requests must be fully justified by the petitioner. Justification must be specific to the subject property. The justification provided by the petitioner should include all factors which rationalize or substantiate the request in accordance with the following criteria:

- Summarize any extraordinary hardships or practical difficulties which may result from strict compliance with the Regulations.
- Verify that the intent of the Regulations will be served to a greater extent through the implementation of the alternative proposal.
- Substantiate that approval of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public interests.
- d. Confirm that approval of the waiver will not nullify the intent of the Regulations.

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## IV. Plan Exhibit

The waiver request must be accompanied by copies of a detailed plot plan or subdivision plat (14 sets of the completed waiver form and plan exhibit if the subject property adjoins a County road; 18 sets for properties adjoining a State road). In instances where the waiver request concerns an approval extension or where a subdivision or site development plan is being concurrently reviewed with the waiver request, only 2 sets of plans are required along with 14 or 18 copies of the application form.

The detailed waiver petition exhibit, plot plan and/or subdivision plan should indicate the following information relevant to the waiver request:

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