

May 9, 1996

Lawrence R. Fellenz
Action Tank and Drain Service, Inc.
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Re: **GMP #80**, Sewage, Repair, Terralift

Dear Mr. Fellenz:

This letter is to confirm that, at this time, the Department of Health does not require a state permit to use the Terralift System when attempting to repair a drainfield system. Based on our current state of knowledge, we do not consider this process to be a modification or expansion of a sewage disposal system subject to the requirements of Section 2.12 of the Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations. In the future the Board of Health may find it necessary to regulate this process, and similar processes, if ground water contamination or other public health problems are discovered related to the use of the system.

The Department assumes that the Terralift will be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended practices (Terralift Manual 1996 v.2). In particular, the injection probe should not be installed any deeper than the bottom of the drainfield trenches nor should it be used in rock. Further the Terralift process should not be used if it will result in ground water contamination.

Please note that local ordinances may require a local permit and you are advised to review these requirements with the local health department. Further, The Department has not studied, nor can it comment on, the effectiveness of the Terralift process. As with any proprietary product, the Department does not promote or endorse the use of the Terralift system.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Alexander, Director
Division of Onsite Sewage and Water Services

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