Jefferson County Public Health

Septic System Regulation Revision Process

The new state Onsite wastewater treatment system regulation (Reg 43) became effective on June 30, 2013. Several years of work by government and stakeholders resulted in what is the most sweeping set of changes in many years. Click for a copy of **REG 43**.

Each local health Department must revise their local regulations to conform to the provisions of Reg 43 within one year (by June 30, 2014). Our local regulations can be more stringent than the provisions of Reg 43, but not less.

To initiate the process we have developed, a **TIMELINE** showing a proposed schedule of the revision, and a **SUMMARY OF CHANGES** that highlights some of the major issues that will need to be addressed. We have also completed a **DRAFT REGULATION** that is basically a re-formatting of Reg 43 and contains many of the proposed changes. This is for the purpose of discussion and will be amended based on the input of stakeholders throughout the process.

The initial stakeholder meeting for industry practitioners will be on October 16, 2013. Follow up meetings for the public will be held later this year or in early 2014. Interested parties from Gilpin County will also be invited as their regulations closely parallel Jefferson County's.

We are looking forward to this process to allow us to redress some of the shortcomings of our current regulations and to provide new requirements for the design and operation of 21st century onsite wastewater treatment systems in Jefferson County.

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