



Briefing Notification to County Manager

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Case #/Title: ES-2013-004: Revisions to Maricopa County Environmental Health Code – Chapter 2, Sewage and Wastes – Technical Revisions to Onsite Wastewater Rules and Clarification of Livestock Manure Storage Requirements

Supervisor Districts: All Districts

Overview: Chapter 2 , Sewage and Wastes

- Onsite Wastewater Rules – Revise Chapter 2, to clarify protection required for waste lines between house, septic tank and disposal area, such as type of pipe or pipe sleeves. Specify minimum separation between different onsite wastewater system disposal types, such as disposal trench fields and drilled pits.
- Refuse Storage, New Livestock Exemption – In Section 1, the definition of “refuse” includes “manure”. Section 3, refuse storage, requires refuse to be stored in durable containers. Storage requirements for livestock manure (horses, cattle, pigs, goats, sheep) are stated in Chapter XI. A note at the top of Section 3 referencing Chapter XI for manure and droppings is unclear. Revise Chapter 2, Section 3, Regulation 1 to exempt livestock manure from that paragraph’s refuse storage requirements as follows: “Manure from livestock (horses, cattle, pigs, goats, sheep) is exempt from the requirements of this paragraph and subject to the requirements of Chapter XI. This revision will remove unintended cost-prohibitive manure storage requirements for livestock keepers.

Next Steps: Public Stakeholder Workshop – Tentative, March 26, 2013

Board of Health Public Meeting – April 22, 2013

Amendment will follow Enhanced Regulatory Outreach policy and workflow process.