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**POWTS ABANDONMENT INFORMATION**

Oneida County is required to maintain an inventory of POWTS (also known as a septic system) in Oneida County. If a POWTS is no longer in operation for any reason, Wisconsin Administrative Code, DSPS 383.33, requires that the system be permanently abandoned. In order to remove your POWTS from the county inventory and stop the triennial reporting requirement, you must have your POWTS properly abandoned and submit a POWTS abandonment form (located on the back of this letter) to our office at the address given above.

In order to properly abandon a POWTS, DSPS 383.33 requires the following:

1. Disconnect all piping to the tanks and/or pits;
2. Seal all disconnected piping to the tanks and pits as per DSPS 382;
3. Pump and dispose of the contents from all tanks and pits by a WI licensed septic pumper; and
4. Remove or destroy all the tanks and fill the pits with clean native soil, gravel or inert solid material. Proper destruction of a tank left in place includes removal of the cover, breaking the bottom, and collapsing the side walls of the tank.

These abandonment requirements apply to all systems that are no longer in use, including but not limited to those that serve a structure that has been connected to public sewer, serve a structure that no longer exists on the property, or those that are no longer functional and are replaced by a new private sewage system.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning and Zoning Department at (715) 369-6130.

**POWTS ABANDONMENT FORM**

**To the system owner:** It is important for you to verify the legal description, including the parcel number, with your tax records. Please indicate any changes or corrections on this form.

Sanitary Permit number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description: G.L. or ¼ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_\_, T\_\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (township)

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Property address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: The person that performs the septic tank pumping must be properly licensed and must provide the information to complete all of the statements in the certification section. Any report that does not include all of that information cannot be accepted.**

**POWTS ABANDONMENT CERTIFICATION**

The private sewage system identification above was abandoned on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

- 1) The septic tank(s) were pumped by licensed septic pumper:  Yes  No
- 2) The septic tank(s) were (please check the appropriate box):  Completely removed  
 Destroyed in place
- 3) If the septic tank(s) were destroyed in place, please certify that the following actions were taken:  Tank cover removed  
 Tank bottom broken  
 Tank sidewalls collapsed  
 Remaining pit filled
- 4) All piping leading to and from the septic(s) was disconnected and sealed:  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Licensed septic pumper: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name Signature License #

Septic pumper business name: \_\_\_\_\_

POWTS abandoner: \_\_\_\_\_

POWTS abandoner business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to Oneida County, Planning & Zoning Department, P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Please call (715) 369-6130 if you have questions.