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As you know, the new sewage facilities regulations necessary to implement the Act 149 of 1994 amendments to the Sewage Facilities Act have been under development for some time. Please be advised that the final regulatory package incorporating the Act 149 provisions and other necessary regulatory changes were published as final rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on November 8, 1997. Errors were discovered in the November 8 version of the *Bulletin*; some of these were corrected in the November 22 issue.

All of the provisions were effective upon publication except changes to Section 73.31(b) (multiple chambered septic tanks and septic solids retainers) which will go into effect January 7, 1998. Permits may be issued based on the prior regulations if complete permit applications were received prior to the effective date of the appropriate sections of the regulations.

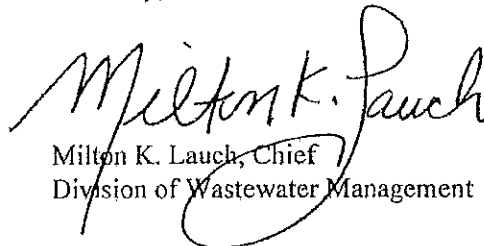
The Department has prepared the enclosed package of information to help you better understand the regulatory changes. The following documents are enclosed:

1. The final regulatory package published in the November 8 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*
2. Error corrections - November 22 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*
3. Summary of changes resulting from the Act 149 amendments
4. Summary of other regulatory changes

The *Pennsylvania Bulletin* version of the regulations must be read in conjunction with the existing Pennsylvania Code (green cover) version because the sections which were not changed are shown as five stars (*****) in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* version.

If you need further assistance in understanding these changes, or formal training on the amendments, please contact the DEP regional office serving your municipality.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

