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**Bureau of Water Standards
and Facility Regulation**

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To All Sewage Enforcement Officers:

The purpose of this particular "All SEO" letter is to notify you of Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) revised position concerning soil fracturing as applied to onlot sewage treatment.

As of July 1, 2006, soil fracturing is no longer authorized for any onlot sewage treatment application in Pennsylvania. Enclosed is a letter signed by DEP Secretary McGinty informing Terralift International of this revised position. The letter also rescinds previous DEP correspondence allowing limited use of soil fracturing for onlot system maintenance not involving system malfunction repair.

At this point, DEP has not directly contacted the Terralift vendors concerning this issue, but has requested that Terralift International inform its vendors to cease operation in Pennsylvania. As you know, SEOs and their local agencies will be responsible for enforcing violations of this soil fracturing ban. However, to allow sufficient time for the Terralift vendors to be notified and adjust to this new situation, we are asking SEOs and local agencies to refrain from formal enforcement against violators until after September 1, 2006.

Concurrent with this letter, we are sending similar notification to all local agencies in Pennsylvania. Regardless, please feel free to share this information with local agency officials and any other persons you think might be affected by or interested in this matter.

If you have questions, contact us at the telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,



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Chief
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Enclosure