

**Thomas Cameron Crouch**  
**15923 45<sup>th</sup> St. So.**  
**Afton, MN 55001**

Mr. Paul O'Neel  
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**RE: Request for Septic Compliance Deadline Relief**

Dear Mr. O'Neel,

Per the attached letter from Washington County dated 10/15/19, the property which I rent at 15923 45<sup>th</sup> St. So., Afton, MN was found to have a non-compliant SSTS upon inspection which occurred on 10/1/19. The remediation was to be completed within 6 months. **I am requesting a 4 month extension for this deadline, to 8/1/20.**

Please consider a couple of factors into this request:

- The property ownership has changed from Susan Herreid, Afton, to Jerome Hagen, Lakeland. My understanding is that Mr. Hagen plans to teardown and rebuild on the site. The residence will not be occupied upon my departure.
- Since the inspection on 10/1/19, the septic system was pumped on 11/14/19.
- While I have made plans for my relocation, my new residence will not be available until the summer. I am making plans for an Estate Sale, but it would be much more convenient to have it take place in early summer.

- **I am the only occupant of the residence.** I only use single ply toilet paper, and have also added RidX for the system.

**I hope that you will consider this reasonable request to extend the SSTS compliance date for 15923 45<sup>th</sup> St. So., Afton, MN to 8/1/20.**

Thank You in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tom Crouch

cc: Jerome Hagen



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**REGARDING A RECENT SEPTIC SYSTEM COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

The Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) administers Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) regulations in Washington County. On 10/15/2019 the Department received a Notice of Non-Compliance from Inspect Minnesota, Midwest Soil Testing for an SSTS located at 15923 45th St S, City Of Afton which was inspected on 10/01/2019.

Since Inspect Minnesota, Midwest Soil Testing has issued a Notice of Non-Compliance for the SSTS, local ordinance requires that the system must be repaired or replaced within six months. Financial assistance is available through Washington County in the form of low-interest loans and grants for low-income residents. Please visit [www.washington.mn.us/septic](http://www.washington.mn.us/septic) for more information on financial assistance and the processes of repairing or replacing an SSTS.

The Department recognizes that repairing or replacing an SSTS can seem like a daunting task. Staff are available to answer questions and explain next steps. Please contact Paul O'Neel, Environmental Specialist at 651-430-6692 or [paul.oneel@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:paul.oneel@co.washington.mn.us) for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Bruns".

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