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Hello Mr. Eckhardt,

Thank you for the response to our letter regarding the non-compliant septic system located at your property. I too need to apologize for the delayed response as I have been out of the office recently.

If the house is unlivable and no water is being used on the property then yes abandoning the septic would be the most inexpensive solution. Abandonment is pretty straightforward, the cesspool and any other tanks would need to be crushed and filled and the sewer line capped. If there is a drainfield it can be abandoned in place as long as it is also capped. This can be done by anyone, unlike most septic work there is no requirement that the person who does an abandonment have a septic license from the state, although there is a $122 permit needed from the County. The County will then inspect the abandonment and document that it was done properly.

The other option is to replace the non-compliant septic with a new one. However, because you are considering demolishing the house that may not be the best solution since septic systems are designed and constructed specifically for the house they serve.

Whichever option you choose it is important that the non-compliant system be abandoned or replaced as soon as possible once weather allows.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email or phone. I can be reached at (651) 430-6679.

Thank you,

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