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PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
FROM: Pumper Program
SUBJECT: 2009 Thurston County Pumper Study Packet and Permit Application Information

Enclosed is the study packet and application for a Certified Sewage System Pumper in Thurston County. To apply to become a certified pumper in Thurston County, you must:

1. Submit written proof the county or city where you will be dispatching your trucks allows this type of business to operate in your zone. Contact Thurston County Planning at (360) 786-5490 or the City Planning Department where you will be dispatching your trucks for information regarding zoning requirements. If you are presently operating as a certified pumper dispatching from another county, just include a copy of the permit issued to you by the local health department with your application.
2. Complete Thurston County's [Certified Sewage System Pumper Application](#) form [PDF].
3. Pay the correct county fees. Please note there is a per-truck fee charged. For a current fee schedule, visit the county's web site at www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehadm/fees_permits.html or contact the Pumper Program at (360) 754-4111.
4. Schedule a truck inspection and take the exam. The exam will take about one hour to complete.
 - The owner or manager of the pumper firm and all drivers on each work site responsible for oversight for the duration of the work are required to take the exam.
 - Portable toilet-only firms are not required to take the exam.

The enclosed *Pumper Study Packet and Permit Application Information* has all the material you will need to prepare for the exam. A pumper video is also available for checkout to help you prepare for the exam. Be sure you have the most recent version of the pumper study packet to use as your study guide.

You may want to schedule the exam (at least two weeks in advance, if possible), pay fees and complete the application at the same time as the truck inspection. Allow at least 3 weeks to receive your pumper permit, assuming all requirements are met.

Questions regarding codes governing sewage disposal in Thurston County should be directed to the Pumper Program at (360) 754-4111.

Enclosure: *2009 PUMPER STUDY PACKET & PERMIT APPLICATION (\$5.00 fee to receive printed copy of packet)*

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