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Re: Requirement to Connect to an Existing Wastewater Collection System

In 2009, the Province amended the *Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation* (Manitoba Regulation 83/2003) with a requirement for landowners to connect to existing wastewater collection systems. This amendment applies to all landowners who are currently using a private wastewater disposal system (septic field, holding tank, or ejector system) in an area serviced by a municipal wastewater collection system. Specifically, Section 8.2(1) states:

"A person who, on the day that this section comes into force, owns land in an area that is serviced by a wastewater collection system but who has not connected his or her wastewater sources to the system, must

- (a) Connect his or her wastewater sources to the wastewater collection system; and*
- (b) Take any onsite wastewater management system or privy located on the land out of service and decommission it;*

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- (c) The passing of a period of five years from the day that this section came into force; or*
- (d) The transfer or subdivision of the land."*

Therefore, in accordance with Manitoba Regulation 83/2003, all landowners who fall subject to this requirement must:

1. Connect their dwelling to the municipal wastewater collection system servicing their land before **October 10, 2014**, or;
2. Connect their dwelling to the municipal wastewater collection system servicing their land **before the transfer or subdivision of their land**, if their land is transferred or subdivided before the **October 10, 2014** deadline.

Please contact your local municipal government for details on connecting to a wastewater collection system.

Failure to connect by the given deadline or before the transfer or subdivision of land is an offence under The Environment Act.