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Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

MABCD DIRECTIVE #15-P7 (PLUMBING DIRECTIVE)

ISSUE: Procedure for Abandoning Septic Tanks

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

- P7.1 All abandoned septic tanks must be removed or filled by the holder of the sewer permit, or their designee, as outlined by KDHE Bulletin No. 4-2 and the K-State Research and Extension Bulletin MF-2246 to maintain the structural integrity of the tank due to the danger of a cave in.
- P7.2 The removal or filling of abandoned septic tanks will be included with a sewer permit, and will be inspected by the MABCD, the Sewer Maintenance Division, or the Environmental Health Division. Both the MABCD **and** the City of Wichita Environmental Health Division shall be notified of the planned septic tank abandonment inside Wichita city limits.
- P7.3 All liquids and solids must be removed by a licensed septic maintenance contractor.
- P7.4 If removing the tank, the hole must be backfilled and compacted to reduce settling.
- P7.5 If filling the tank, the bottom of the tank must be broken up so that it cannot hold water. Sand should be on site and the tank should be empty so that the holes in the bottom can be verified.
- P7.6 The lid of the tank shall be broken up and may be left inside of the abandoned tank. The sidewalls below 2 feet of grade level may remain in place.
- P7.7 The tank must be filled with sand to within 2 feet of grade level.
- P7.8 The remaining fill can be dirt and must be compacted to reduce settling.
- P7.9 The drain field does not have to be removed.

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