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RE: Discussion of Residential Onsite Sewage System Rule 410 IAC 6-8.3 Updates

The Indiana Department of Health (Department) is presenting the Residential Onsite Sewage System Rule to Executive Board for discussion. During the 2025 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed HEA 1052 which requires IDOH to, among other things, update its residential onsite sewage system rules by July 1, 2026. The Technical Review Panel, which is tasked with consulting with IDOH on onsite sewage system rule updates, has provided input on this proposed rule and approved it to be submitted for review by the Office of Management and Budget.

This proposed rule:

- Updates the rule in accordance with statutory changes made since the last rule revision
- Includes new and updated definitions for clarity and consistency
- Updates matters incorporated by reference to the current version of the standards
- Provides minimum standards for inspections of residential onsite sewage systems when an existing system is being connected/reconnected or when a local health department must use its best judgment to approve a system that does not meet the requirements of the rule
- Replaces repetitive sections with defined terms for clarity

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- Requires all residential onsite sewage system installers to register with local health departments where they install system and allows local health departments to certify installers
- Sets sewage holding tank requirements to clarify IC 16-41-25-9
- Addresses high strength waste which can contribute to system failures
- Allows alternate onsite sewage system sizing for tiny homes and recreational vehicles
- Matters currently addressed by local ordinances are established in rule to create a more uniform regulatory scheme throughout the state
- Allows local health departments to require connection to a sewer in certain circumstances
- Other changes to help ensure the onsite sewage systems are properly installed

The Department is currently working with the Office of Management and Budget to get approval to proceed with rulemaking.