

Contained Sewage Low-Flow Exemption

Eligibility and Requirements

Any owner or resident of an existing home or discharging structure located within 300 feet of a District Sewer Main Line seeking an exemption from the Adams County Regional Sewer District's (ACRSD) mandatory connection requirement must first investigate the possibility of an exemption with the Adams County Health Department under:

A) I.C. 13-26-5-2.5 allows an exemption for a septic system that was approved by the local Health Department when installed and which has been inspected and certified as "not failing". The exemption period extends for ten (10) years from the date of the certification and may be extended upon further inspection up to two additional 5 year periods.; or

B) I.C. 13-26-5-2.6 allows for an exemption if the property is located on at least 10 acres and the owner can demonstrate the availability of at least two (2) areas on the property suitable for the installation of a new system specified by this section and approved by the Adams County Health Department.

If the homeowner is not eligible for an exemption under A or B, then the homeowner may apply to the ACRSD for a Contained Sewage Low Flow (CSLF) exemption from the mandatory connection requirement of the ACRSD. In order to be eligible for the CSLF exemption, a qualified homeowner must successfully complete the following steps at the homeowner's cost:

- 1) The homeowner must disconnect and remove all indoor toilets from the inside of the existing home or discharging structure; and
- 2) The homeowner must install an approved outdoor sealed sanitary vault privy in accordance with Indiana Bulletin S.E. 11 (Copy attached). All sanitary waste for the outdoor privy must stay in the sealed vault until pumped out by a qualified contractor. No waste or effluent can leave the privy vault. Any outlet for an existing privy must be sealed off, capped and the use discontinued. All sewage in the privy vault shall be removed and disposed of by contractors licensed and or approved to dispose of such waste; and
- 3) The Privy must not be connected to the home and must be placed in a location in accordance with state and local health regulations.
- 4) The homeowner must sign and record a certification that the residence or structure does not have indoor toilets or toilets connected to any septic system or outlet. and is in compliance with this exemption's requirements. The Sewer District shall have the right, upon notice, to inspect any structure for compliance with the certification no more frequently than once per year. Upon failure to abide by the requirements of this exemption, the District may require the owner to connect to the District's sanitary sewer system.

The granting of an exemption by the ACRSD under this procedure does not affect the rights, jurisdiction or authority of the Adams County Health Department or Indiana State Department of Health to require a connection to the District's sewer system or to govern or regulate onsite septic systems, privies or any other matter over which they may have authority under state or federal law or regulation.