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TO: County Health Department Directors/Administrators  
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SUBJECT: OSTDS Repairs Using Terralift Equipment

INFORMATION ONLY

In Information Memorandum # 98-025, dated April 8, 1998, the Bureau of Onsite Sewage Programs outlined the methodology acceptable when performing a Terralift repair to an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system. This acceptance was based on the manufacturer's procedures contained in Terralift, Incorporated's June 1996, Operating Manual. These procedures directed the operator to not insert the probe "into the leachfield trench", and also that the probe should not be inserted deeper than the bottom of the trench.

Terralift, Incorporated has subsequently changed a portion of its installer's procedures, however these changes have not been accepted by this office for use in the State of Florida. A Terralift repair in the State of Florida must:

1. Not be performed inside a drainbed or drainfield trench.
2. Not be performed at a depth deeper than the infiltrative surface of the drainbed or drainfield trench.

The repair permit application must show where and at what depth the Terralift equipment is to be used in relation to the existing drainfield. Any application that does not comply with the above criteria should be denied and any repair that is performed in violation of this policy should be cited. Of course, any system with a drainfield in or below the seasonal high water table cannot be repaired utilizing this procedure. The drainfield would need to be replaced to meet the minimum separation requirements from the seasonal high water table

Please provide a copy of this memorandum by certified mail to all licensed contractors utilizing Terralift equipment in your county.

Please direct questions to Bill Melton at SC 205-4070, (850) 245-4070.