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**MEMORANDUM**

**INFORMATION**  
**DCEH 19-004**

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**TO:** County Health Department Directors/Administrators  
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**SUBJECT:** Application of New System Construction Standards

This memo serves as guidance to clarify what is considered New System Construction. The following list details projects for which "New System" Construction standards will apply. This list applies regardless of lot size or whether the property is subject to the requirements of the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act.

New Systems construction standards are required for:

1. Installation of a system where an Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System (OSTDS) has never been installed.
2. Installation of a system where the previous system was abandoned, because of the property use being discontinued.
3. Installation of a system because the existing regulated treatment facility, under the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), has been decommissioned.
4. Installation of a system to serve a house addition, rather than modifying the existing system.
5. Installation of a system to serve an additional structure on the property.
6. Installation of a complete system to replace a system where the existing structure is being expanded into the location of the existing system, or where the placement of a pool, outbuilding, or other structure is impacting the location of the existing system.
7. An increase in the existing domestic sewage flow greater than 20% at a non-residential establishment.

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8. Any increase in commercial sewage flow (e.g., restaurant, nail salon, commercial laundromat).
9. Installation of a system, when the existing system is not in failure and is moved in its entirety (tank and drainfield) to a new location.

Please share this memo with all staff working in or providing back up in the OSTDS program. If you have any questions, please contact your OSTDS consultant.