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MEMORANDUM**INFORMATION**
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TO County Health Department Directors/Administrators
Environmental Health and Engineering Directors

THROUGH Kendra F. Goff, PhD, DABT, CPM, CEHP, State Toxicologist & Chief
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SUBJECT: Observed Water Table being Perched/Apparent

For over 45 years we provided the instruction if there was no observed water table found during the evaluation, it would be marked as an “apparent” water table on the site evaluation form. This was brought into question by a private evaluator, as technically the type of observed water table cannot be determined if groundwater is not found.

Based on the above information, determining that the Environmental Health Database will allow the field to remain blank, and DOHM 150-4 does not require this field to be completed in a specific manner, we are revising our guidance on this issue. If groundwater (i.e., the observed water table) is not encountered during the site evaluation, the field indicating “Perched/Apparent” will be left blank.

Please re-distribute this memo to your local septic contractors and private evaluators. If you have questions, please call the OSTDS Section at 850-245-4250.

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