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**MEMORANDUM****DCEH 13-010**

**DATE:** September 30, 2013

**TO:** County Health Department Directors/Administrators  
ATTN: Environmental Health and Engineering Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Existing Onsite Sewage System Decision Trees - 64E-6.001(4), FAC

Enclosed for your use are decision trees for evaluating existing system applications per 64E-6.001(4), FAC, where the applicant is proposing alterations that change the conditions under which a system was permitted and approved. These decision trees incorporate 2013 statutory changes in regard to a remodeling addition or modification to a single-family home when a bedroom is not added. In these situations, no system inspection or evaluation and assessment, or modification, replacement or upgrade of the system can be required. Like-for-like replacements of mobile homes or re-building of homes after destruction where no bedrooms are being added, would fall under these same restrictions.

Please note that these decision trees in accordance with the rule presume a "prior approved system which has been placed into service and which remains in satisfactory operating condition." Repairs of existing systems are evaluated and permitted per 64E-6.015m FAC.

This memorandum is located on SharePoint at:

<http://def.sharepoint.doh.ad.state.fl.us/DEH/Onsite/Searchable%20Program%20Memos/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

If you have any questions on this memorandum, please contact the Onsite Sewage Program office in Tallahassee or Orlando.

Enclosures

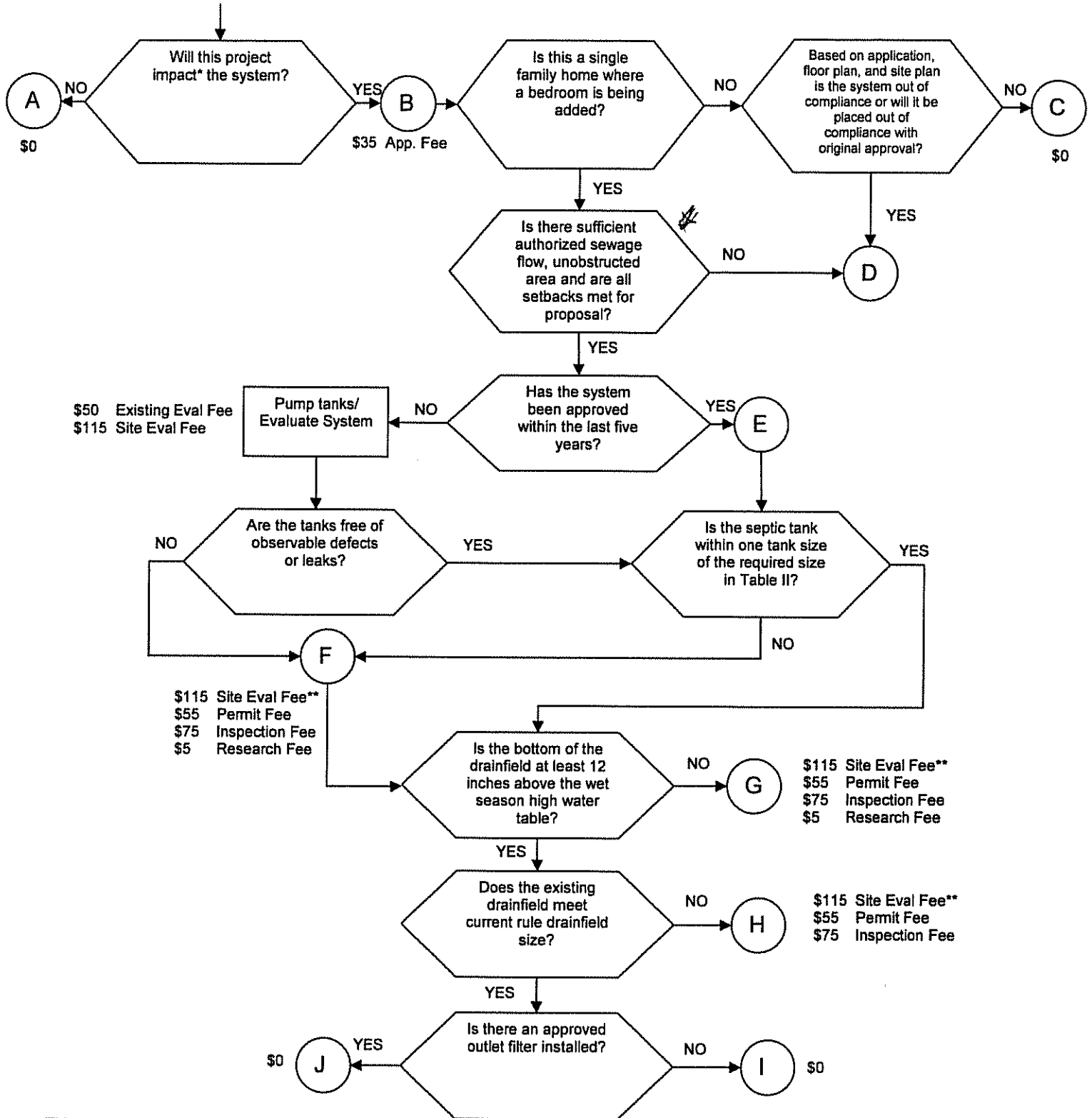
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# EXISTING RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT DECISION TREE (10/4/13)



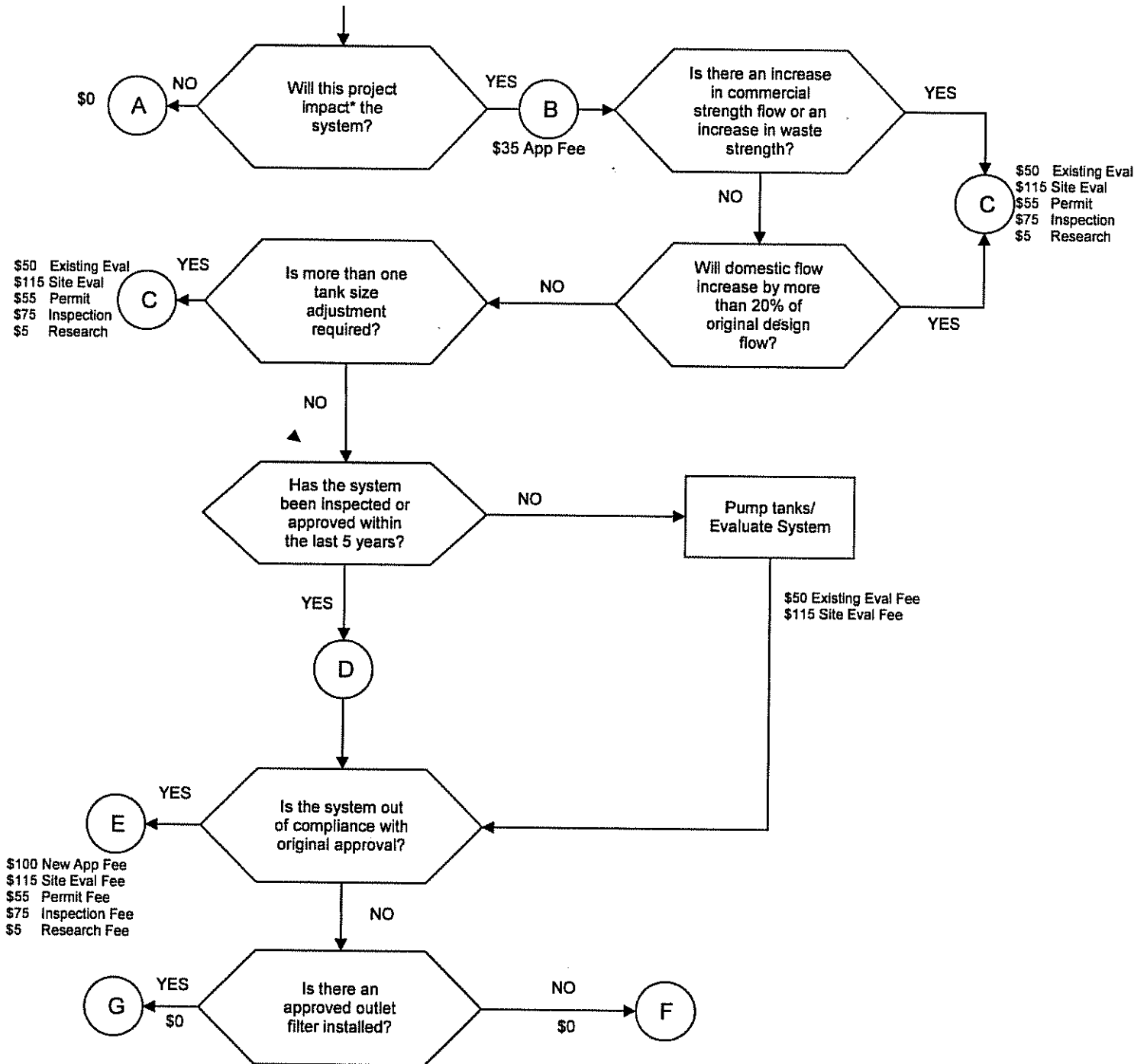
This chart assumes there is an existing, approved system in satisfactory operating condition. Any repair required would be handled using the appropriate repair process. Existing system evaluation fee and site evaluation fee are collected only when performed by the department.

- A - No action required – no fee.
- B - Application fee, site plan and floor plan required. [64E-6.030(1)(b)]
- C - Issue no objection letter – no fee.
- D - Issue denial w/variance/hearing rights, or this may be a modification or new permit depending on facts and circumstances.
- E - Use most recent system approval.
- F - Replace tank or supplement to meet current sizing requirements-modification permit fees. [64E-6.030(1)(e, g, h, i,)]
- G - Bring drainfield into full compliance with current rule – modification permits fees. [64E-6.030(1)(e, g, h, i,)]
- H - Increase drainfield to current rule requirements; maintain current separation (12" min) – modification fees. [64E-6.030(1)(e, g, h, i,)]
- I - Require outlet filter installation and certification – no additional fee.
- J - Issue approval – no additional fee.

\* Alterations that change the conditions under which the existing system was permitted and approved.

\*\* Fee only required if not already paid.

## EXISTING NON-RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT DECISION TREE (09/18/13)



This chart assumes there is an existing, approved system in satisfactory operating condition. Any repair required would be handled using the appropriate repair process. Existing system evaluation fee and site evaluation fee are collected only when performed by the department.

- A - No action required – no fee.
- B - Application fee, site plan and floor plan required. [64E-6.030(1)(b)]
- C - Replace tank or supplement to meet current sizing requirements, drainfield must meet new standards-modification permit fees. [64E-6.030(1)(e, g, h, i,)]
- D - Use most recent system approval.
- E - Issue denial w/ variance/hearing rights, or bring system into full compliance with current rule-new permit fees. [64E-6.030(1)(a,e,g,h,i)]
- F - Require outlet filter installation and certification – no additional fee.
- G - Issue approval – no additional fee.

\*Alterations that change the conditions under which the existing system was permitted and approved.