



Comprehensive Septic Tank Inspection Program Began July 1, 2006

A new 2006 Arizona law requires new property owners to file a Notice of Transfer application, when purchasing any property that has a septic tank system or an alternative onsite wastewater treatment system. New owners are responsible for filing the Notice of Transfer application, although others acting on their behalf may file for them.

Regardless of who does the filing, the permitting process has now become easy and efficient. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has developed an Internet web site that enables anyone with the responsibility for filing a Notice of Transfer to achieve easy compliance by filing online at:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/permits/onsitenot.html>

The new law also requires that the seller of such a property must seek to have the wastewater treatment system inspected, and must obtain a Report of Inspection document completed by a qualified inspector. The information from the completed Report of Inspection document is vital towards completely filling out the Notice of Transfer application.

To file a Notice of Transfer application online, all you need is the correct property identification information, a Report of Inspection, and an acceptable credit card. There is a \$50.00 fee to file the Notice of Transfer application.

Who Must File or Renew a Notice of Transfer Application?

In Arizona, you are required to have an Aquifer Protection Permit if you own or operate a facility that discharges a pollutant to the land surface or above an aquifer, near enough that the pollutant might reasonably reach the aquifer. This is the Permit that is transferred when one files a Notice of Transfer application. Included among the types of onsite wastewater treatment systems that require permitting are:

- Septic Tank and Leach Fields
- Composting Toilet Systems
- Evapo-transpiration Bed System, Mound Systems and Aerobic Systems
- Engineered Pad and Filter Systems

For further specific questions, e-mail: septic_inspection@azdeq.gov