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To: Surveyors and Engineers Serving Carroll County  
From: Carroll County Health Department  
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Subject: Policy Revision - Wet Weather Testing – Effective Immediately

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Our wet weather testing policy has been revised. The revisions concern the extent of the season and the plan submission deadline. The wet weather testing season will extend from February 1 through April 15 for soils identified as wet weather soils on the attached memo. If rainfall and/or groundwater conditions merit an earlier or later start to the season or an earlier or later conclusion to the season, it will be publicized through direct correspondence and press releases. Planning should be based on the dates given above. The most certain strategy for completing wet weather project testing is to schedule them as early in the season as possible.

On November 7, 2005, our office circulated a policy for submission of wet weather plans. The following will hopefully provide clarification and supersedes the previous policy (revisions are in italics):

1. The Health Department will only process plans for wet season testing that are submitted by February 28 of the year *testing is intended*. *If plans were approved for wet weather testing during the previous calendar year, it is sufficient to notify the Health Department in writing by the February 28 deadline that testing is intended for those projects (a form is attached to this memo for that purpose). Plans approved for wet weather testing before the previous calendar year will require a new Health Department site visit and new plans and an application must be resubmitted to the Health Department by February 28 of the year that testing is intended. All plans submitted by February 28 must be in a form that can be given approval for the performance of soils evaluations.*
2. For all plans submitted after February 28 (including revisions required for approval of additional soils evaluations on sites already tested), a letter will be sent to the surveyor/engineer and copied to the property owner informing them that review of the plan will proceed after the conclusion of the wet weather testing period.

The purpose of these measures is to allow sufficient time to review plans and schedule testing. As always, we urge you to submit plans for wet season testing for review well in advance of February 1 and secure testing dates as early as possible in the wet weather season. If initial testing is unsuccessful, this will allow you maximum time to prepare and submit revised plans before the February 28 date to secure approval for additional testing. Since we never know in advance the duration of the wet weather season, it will also afford you and your clients the greatest opportunity to complete all testing prior to the close of the season.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Leigh Broderick.

