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Dear Marion Township Property Owner:

This letter is intended to inform all property owners using an on-lot disposal systems (OLDS) for treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage that the Township was *required* to enact an On-Lot Sewage Management Maintenance Program through Ordinance No. 2019-02 to comply with an administrative order from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection relating to *Act* 537.

The ordinance requires *mandatory* pumping and observation of OLDS through the Township to prolong their use and minimize groundwater pollution and other health and environmental hazards. Importantly, the Township revised the Sewer Management Program (SMP) Ordinance in October 2023 to streamline the compliance process to reduce the Township's administrative burden and reduce the cost of administering the OLDS Maintenance Program. As a result of the revised Ordinance, private pumping/hauling companies servicing the Township OLDS are now responsible for completing and submitting a digital conditions checklist through *Terra Tracker*. Therefore, the Pumper/Hauler should provide you with that report and confirmation of its receipt from the Township.

Please take a moment to review the status of your system and review the revised SMP Ordinance, Pumping Schedule, SMP Program Guidance, and updated educational materials now available on the Township's website. These materials will enable you to identify the Sewage Management District of your property along with the timeframe to have it's OLDS observed and pumped. If you are unable to access the internet, or do not know whether your property is served by an OLDS, please contact the Township Office.

Before scheduling a pump-out or inspection, we suggest confirming that your preferred sewage pumping/hauling company is registered with www.terra-tracker.com before your scheduled service date.

The SMP Program is intended to benefit individual property owners, the community and the environment. We ask for your assistance to protect all three.

Thank you for participating in this important program!

Sincerely,

Marion Township Board of Supervisors