WILSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

When contacting the Environmental Health Section of the Health Department concerning this document, be sure to know the Permit Number. This number must be used in all inquiries and inspection requests.

The issuance of the Improvement Permits in no way guarantees the issuance of other permits, such as building permits.

Septic tank contractors are responsible for notifying the Environmental Health Section of the Health Department for final inspections.

The septic tank should be pumped out every three (3) to five (5) years.

The use of water saving fixtures is highly recommended.

Do not hesitate to call the Environmental Health Section of the Health Department with any questions.

Trees near drain lines may cause these lines to fail because of roots. Should you decide to remove any of these trees, please contact the Environmental Health Section of the Health Department before removal.

If it is necessary for the septic tank to be above ground level after installation, you may contact the Environmental Health Section of the Health Department to determine if an approved pumping system can be permitted.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The septic tank system shall be maintained at all times to prevent seepage or discharge of sewage or effluent to the surface of the ground or to surface waters.

The area approved for the installation of the septic tank system must be left in an undisturbed state. Disturbances of this area may result in revocation of the improvement permit.

The septic tank system must be inspected and approved by a representative of the Environmental Health Section of the Health Department before any portion of the installation is covered. The septic tank system shall not be put into use until an Operation Permit has been issued.

The repair area must remain in a natural state. No permanent structure or alterations shall be made, such as removal of soil or installing a driveway.

The area in which nitrification field is installed must be landscaped properly to prevent ponding of surface water. Runoff of surface water shall be diverted away from the nitrification field.

Unless otherwise indicated, drain lines shall be installed on 9’ centers.

At least 6” of approved soil shall be placed over any portion of the drainfield with less than an 18” trench depth.

MINIMUM DISTANCES (Unless otherwise indicated) of septic tank system to:

1.	Private water supplies	100’
2.	Public water supply sources	100’
3.	Building foundations	5’
4.	Basements	15’
5.	Property lines	10’
6.	Embankments or cuts	15’
7.	Water lines	10’
8.	Swimming pools	15’
9.	Groundwater lowering ditches and devices	25’
10.	Other sewage disposal systems	20’

DO NOT BUILD, PARK, OR DRIVE OVER SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM