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David W. Blodgett, MD, MPH
Director/Health Officer
Southwest Utah Public Health Department
168 North 100 East
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Dr. Blodgett:

We received your letter dated August 14, 2006 requesting approval for administration and oversight of packed bed media alternative onsite systems as required by R317-11. We have reviewed the information that you have submitted that revises your onsite wastewater regulations to coincide with the changes in the rule that were effective July 1, 2006. It appears that all of the requirements for approval have been met for Washington County.

You may now proceed to issue permits for the construction of packed bed media alternative onsite systems in Washington County in accordance with Utah Administrative Rule R317-4. The septic tank density ordinance adopted by Washington County does not allow alternative wastewater systems in any subdivision approved by your department after December 9, 1997.

We received a letter from the Garfield County Attorney supporting the enforcement of R317-4-11 for alternative onsite wastewater systems, including packed bed media systems. Garfield County has not met the requirements to allow these systems in their county. The rules require each county to submit the following information:

1. A description of its plan to properly manage these systems to protect public health. This plan must include:
 - a. A description of review, inspection and monitoring procedures of these systems;
 - b. Resolutions of the Local Board of Health **and the County Commission** supporting this request;

c. A description of the technical capability and training plans of the staff, and availability of resources to adequately manage the increased work load;

d. **A summary of a ground water quality protection management policy based on a ground water management study, or polices for both onsite systems management and land use planning determined by the county's agency, including steps taken or planned to be taken for implementation of the policy.**

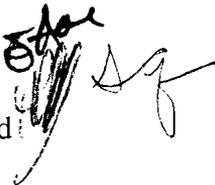
In an effort to increase efficiency for approval to permit alternative onsite wastewater systems, including the packed bed media system, the Southwest Utah Public Health Department should submit all documents and plans required for each county within the District that request permits for alternative onsite wastewater systems.

We appreciate the work you have done in developing your alternative onsite wastewater program. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Shelly Quick at (801) 538-6516.

Sincerely,



Walter L. Baker
Executive Secretary
Utah Water Quality Board



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cc: Laurence Parker, SUPHD
Randy Taylor, Southwest District Engineer



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December 14, 2006

David W. Blodgett, MD, MPH
Director/Health Officer
Southwest Utah Public Health Department
168 North 100 East
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Dr. Blodgett:

We received your letter dated November 1, 2006 requesting approval for administration and oversight of packed bed media alternative onsite systems as required by Utah Administrative Code R317-4. We have reviewed the information that you have submitted and have determined that it complies with all requirements for alternative onsite wastewater regulations that coincide with the changes in the rule that were effective July 1, 2006. It appears that all of the requirements for approval have been met for Kane County.

You may now proceed to issue permits for the construction of packed bed media alternative onsite systems or other approved alternative onsite systems in Kane County in accordance with UAC R317-4. The Kane County Resolution adopted by Kane County Commission supports the Southwest Public Health Department's alternative onsite wastewater program and the use of these systems, where appropriate, within the County.

We appreciate the work you have done in developing your alternative onsite wastewater program. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Shelly Quick at (801) 538-6516.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary
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cc: Laurence Parker, SUPHD
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August 13, 2007

Southwest Utah Public Health Department
Mr. Rod Cosslett, Environmental Director
260 E. DL Sargent Dr.
Cedar City, UT 84720

YOUR COPY

Subject: Approval to Permit and Administer Rules for Alternative
Onsite Systems in Garfield County

Dear Mr. Cosslett:

We received Garfield's Counties correspondence requesting approval for administration and oversight of alternative onsite systems as required by Utah Administrative Code R317-4. We have reviewed the latest information that you have submitted regarding Level III certification holder Robert Beers and have determined that this fulfills all requirements of your request.

The Southwest Utah Health Department may now proceed to issue permits for construction of alternative onsite systems in Garfield County per R317-4.

If you should adopt an ordinance to cover costs, extra administration, annual permits, etc., regarding these alternative systems, please send us a copy for our records. You may wish to contact Wasatch County as they just went through similar procedures and adopted a new ordinance that proved necessary in their administration of alternative system technology.

We appreciate the work you have done in developing your alternative onsite wastewater program. If you have any comments or questions, please contact David Snyder, of my staff, at (801) 538-9218.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Baker, P.E.
Director

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cc: John Chartier, District Engineer
Mr. Dodds, Chair, Garfield County Commission

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