

WHARTON COUNTY PERMIT & INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO OWNER/OPERATOR OF AN AEROBIC TREATMENT UNIT

Chapter 285.7 of the TCEQ regulations requires a maintenance contract for an on-site sewage facility utilizing an aerobic treatment unit. A copy of the signed maintenance contract between the property owner and the approved maintenance company shall be provided to the permitting authority (Wharton County). The initial maintenance contract must be valid for a minimum of two years.

After the initial two-year contract, on-going maintenance is required by either a licensed maintenance provider or a homeowner who has met the requirements to perform maintenance on their own system. The maintenance contract after the initial two-year period is not required to be with the original maintenance provider. **The owner of each aerobic unit shall continuously maintain a signed written contract with a valid maintenance company and shall submit a copy of the contract to the permitting authority at least 30 days prior to expiration of the previous contract or submit a contract agreement with Wharton County showing the homeowner will be performing maintenance on their own unit.** If the property owner or maintenance provider desires to discontinue the provisions of the maintenance contract, the maintenance provider shall notify, in writing, the permitting authority at least 30 days prior to the date service will cease. If a maintenance provider discontinues business, the property owner shall within 30 days of the termination date, contract with another approved maintenance provider and provide the permitting authority with a copy of the newly signed maintenance contract.

I understand that as the property owner of an OSSF system consisting of an aerobic treatment unit I am required to have in force an on-going maintenance contract for the life of my system. Should I fail to have a contract in place, I am aware I am in violation of the Order Adopting Rules of Wharton County, Texas for On-Site Sewage Facilities, Health and Safety Code 341.014, 366.0515 and Texas Administrative Code, 30 TAC 285.7. Failure to have a current maintenance contract in effect will cause the permit issued for said system to be considered void and a complaint to be issued in the Justice of the Peace Court.

Printed name

Property owner signature

Date

IMPORTANT NOTICE – READ BEFORE SIGNING