

*Sewage Disposal, Thomas Larkin Woods  
Subdivision, Unit 1*

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Procedure is to preclude a hazard to the community water system in Unit 1 of Thomas Larkin Woods Subdivision. The hazard to the water system is due to:

1. Soils that demonstrate percolation rates faster than 5 minutes per inch.
2. Shallow depth to groundwater for community water supply (30 to 40 feet), underlain by bedrock or other impermeable material.
3. Seasonally high groundwater in the recharge area supplying the community well.
4. Excessive slopes which severely constrain the placement of buildings and sewage disposal systems.

These factors, singularly and in combination, make it likely that continued subdivision build-out on soils demonstrating excessive percolation rate, utilizing standard septic system technology, is likely to result in pollution of the community water supply.

**GENERAL**

Field observations and testing of soil and groundwater conditions, as well as an understanding of the aquifer supplying domestic water to the subdivision have given concern as to the long term use of the subject aquifer if certain standards are not applied to the installation of private disposal systems.

**AUTHORITY**

- 1) Joint Innovative System Agreement
- 2) North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan as currently adopted.

This policy supersedes Department of Public Health Administrative Order 85-7

**PROCEDURE**

1. Permits for septic systems with standard subsurface disposal fields are not to be issued on Unit 1 of Thomas Larkin Woods Subdivision unless all Departmental and Water Quality Control requirements are met without waiver.

2. Other methods of sewage disposal may be considered on an individual basis.
  
3. In the consideration of other methods of sewage disposal, the applicant would need to demonstrate that no significant public health or water pollution hazard would occur as result of the proposed disposal method. Further, the applicant would need to demonstrate that bacteriological pollution would be unlikely to spread beyond the boundary of the subject property.
  
4. Requests for alternative sewage disposal methods are to be processed in accordance with the Joint Innovative Individual Waste Treatment and Disposal System Evaluation Agreement.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Map of Thomas Larkin Woods Subdivision

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