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DATE: July 7, 2022

TO: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Code Advisory Committee

FROM: Matthew A. Pawlik, PE, RS
Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Environmental Engineering Program

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RE: Use of Portable Wastewater Holding Tanks at Family Campgrounds

The practice of using portable wastewater holding tanks (PWHT's) to transport and dispose of camping unit wastewater has been approved by passage of [Public Act 22-52](#) effective May 3, 2022. It is now acceptable to transport wastewater from a camping unit's internal sewage holding tank to a sanitary disposal station located within a campground using a PWHT (a.k.a blue boy). Individual campgrounds allowing this practice should develop a written policy regarding the use of PWHT's that includes an action plan if spills occur. PWHT's must be used per manufacturer's specifications and be utilized for wastewater transportation only. PWHT's may not be used as a permanent sewage holding tank or as an overflow for the camping unit's internal sewage holding tank.

Wastewater from a camping unit's internal sewage holding tank is typically disposed of at the campground's sanitary disposal station, through an individual sewer connection, or by a mobile pump-out service provided by the campground (per Section 19a-2a-29 of the Regulations of CT State Agencies). Wastewater from PWHT's and mobile pump-out units shall only be disposed of at the campground's sanitary disposal station. Local health departments should review each campground's wastewater storage, transportation, and disposal arrangements during the required annual inspection.

Questions regarding the use of PWHT's at family campgrounds can be directed to Amanda Clark at 860-509-7368 or Amanda.Clark@ct.gov.

Cc: Jim Vannoy, MPH, Chief, Environmental Health Section, DPH
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Attachment: [Public Act 22-52](#)



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