IREDELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Iredell County Health Department

Date 8/28/14

Re: Application for improvement permit for **Niles Curry** property site **246 Apache Rd.** Health Department file number **204599**.

Dear **Niles Curry** (Owner or Owner's Agent)

The Iredell County Health Department, Environmental Health Division on **8/27/14** evaluated the above referenced property at the site designated on the plat/site plan that accompanied your improvement permit application. According to your application the site is to serve a **3 bedroom residence** (describe facility – example: 3 bedroom residence, 10 employee office) with a design wastewater flow of **360** gallons per day. The evaluation was done in accordance with the laws and rules governing wastewater systems in North Carolina General Statute 130A-333 including related statutes and Title 15A, Subchapter 18A, of the North Carolina Administrative Code, Rule .1900 and related rules.

Based on the criteria set out in Title 15A, Subchapter 18A, of the North Carolina Administrative Code, Rule .1940 through .1948, the evaluation indicated that the site is UNSUITABLE for a ground absorption sewage system. Therefore, your request for an improvement permit is DENIED. A copy of the site evaluation is enclosed. The site is unsuitable based on the following:

_____ Unsuitable soil topography and/or landscape position (Rule .1940)
_X_ Unsuitable soil characteristics (structure or clay mineralogy) (Rule .1941)
_X_ Unsuitable soil wetness condition (Rule .1942)
_X_ Unsuitable soil depth (Rule .1943)
_____ Presence of restrictive horizon (Rule .1944)
_X_ Insufficient space for septic system and repair area (Rule .1945)
_____ Unsuitable for meeting required setbacks (Rule .1950)
_____ Other (Rule .1946) _____

These severe soil or site limitations could cause premature system failure, leading to the discharge of untreated sewage on the ground surface, into surface waters, directly to ground water or inside your structure.

The site evaluation included consideration of possible site modifications, and modified, innovative, or alternative systems. However, the Health Department has determined that none of the above options will overcome the severe conditions on this site. A possible option might be a system designed to dispose of sewage to another area of suitable soil or off-site to additional property.

For the reasons set out above, the property is currently classified UNSUITABLE, and no improvement permit shall be issued for this site in accordance with Rule .1948(c).

However, the site classified as UNSUITABLE may be classified as PROVISIONALLY SUITABLE if written documentation is provided that meets the requirements of Rule .1948(d). A copy of this rule is enclosed. You may hire a consultant to assist you if you wish to try to develop a plan under which your site could be reclassified as PROVISIONALLY SUITABLE.

You have a right to an information review of this decision. You may request an informal review by the soil scientist or environmental health supervisor at the local health department. You may also request an information review by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services regional soil scientist. A request for informal review must be made in writing to the local health department.

You also have a right to a formal appeal of this decision. To pursue a formal appeal, you must file a petition for a contested case hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6714. To get a copy of a petition form, you may write the Office of Administrative Hearings or call the office at (919) 431-3000 or from the OAH web site at http://www.ncoah.com/forms.html . The petition for a contested case hearing must be filed in accordance with the provision of North Carolina General Statutes 130A-24 and 150B-23 and all other applicable provisions of Chapter 150B. N.C. General Statute 130A-335 (g) provides that your hearing would be held in the county where your property is located.

Please note: If you wish to pursue a formal appeal, you must file the petition form with the Office of Administrative Hearings **WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.** The date of this letter is XXX XX, XXXX. Meeting the 30 day deadline is critical to your formal appeal.

If you file a petition for a contested case hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, you are required by law (N.C. General Statute 150B-23) to serve a copy of your petition on the Office of General Counsel, N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, 2001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-2001.

Do not serve the petition on your local health department. Sending a copy of your petition to the local health department will not satisfy the legal requirement in N.C. General Statute 150B-23 that you send a copy to the Office of General Counsel, N. C. Department of Health and Human Services.
You may call or write the local health department if you need any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely, Justin Henderson

Signature of Authorized Agent – DHHS
Enclosures: (Enclose copy of site evaluation)
(Copy of Rule .1948)