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TO: Charlotte County Homeowners with **ATU (Aerobic Treatment Unit) Septic Systems**

FROM: Herman Velasco, Environmental Health Administrator and Leslie Beauchamp, Environmental Health Supervisor

SUBJECT: Changes affecting ATU Operating Permits and costs

On June 25, 2009, there was a change to the State of Florida septic code (64E-6). You may receive a notice from your maintenance provider regarding these changes which are outlined below:

1. Based on the new regulations, we cannot accept ATU Operating Permits for less than two years. The cost for a two year permit is \$300.00.
2. Please make sure that your agreement with your maintenance provider is up to date because we are not able to issue a permit without a valid maintenance agreement.
3. The law says that we can only accept permit payments from the maintenance provider. If you wish, you may issue a separate check made payable to CCHD for the permit amount, but it **must** be sent to us by the maintenance provider.

To allow people time to plan for the new fees, we have notified the maintenance providers that any permits for less than a two year period must be received by the CCHD (with a valid Maintenance Agreement) at the front counter of Environmental Health or postmarked no later than August 31, 2009.

If you have any questions, please call your maintenance provider or the Environmental Health section of the Department of Health at 941-743-1512.

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Thank you.