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MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT.** Requirements for Inventory of Class V Septic Systems

**FROM:** Michael B. Cook, Director  
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**TO:** Bruce Barrett  
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Recently you visited Headquarters seeking guidance on the Class V report to Congress. The issue is the requirement for States to report on the numbers and types of Class V wells. You have sought clarification on the sub-class called septic systems.

I believe it is your suggestion that in view of limitations in time and resources we prioritize septic systems, that we advise the States they are required to report at this time only septic systems connected with a commercial or public enterprise. Domestic multi-family systems become a lower priority. If any States are willing and able to report these also, the data will be incorporated into the UIC data base. This, of course, does not change the Office of Drinking Water policy that all domestic multi-family systems with wells or drain fields are included in the Class V well category. I believe your suggestion is valid and appropriate, and I concur with it.



CONCURRENCES

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