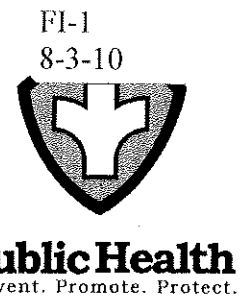




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To: Dee F. Bruemmer  
County Administrator

From: Lawrence E. Barker  
Health Director

Subject: Time of Transfer Annual Report

On March 18, 2009 the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Commission, approved Iowa Administrative Code 567—69 (455B) entitled “Private Sewage Disposal Systems.” A section was added to the code entitled “Time of Transfer” which stated “beginning July 1, 2009, prior to any transfer of ownership of a building where a person resides, congregates, or is employed that is served by a private sewage disposal system, the private sewage disposal system serving the building shall be inspected.” Scott County Health Department updated Scott County Code Chapter 23, “Private Sewage Disposal Systems” to be in alignment with Iowa Administrative Code in July 2009.

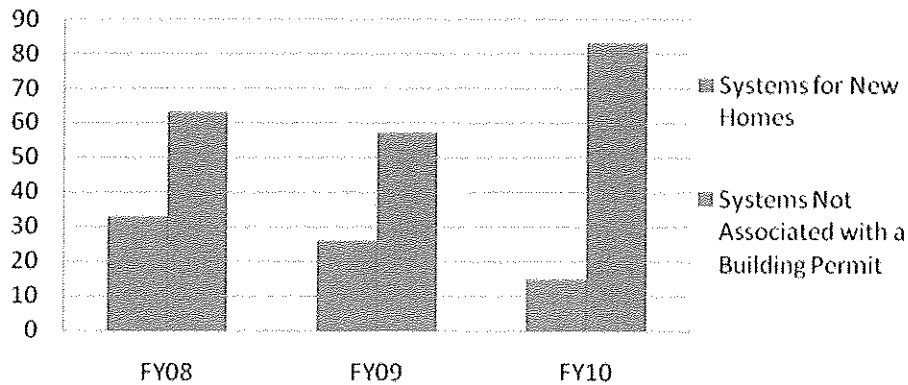
During the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, 150 Time of Transfer inspections were completed in Scott County. Of the 150 inspections, 139 were conducted by private contractors and 11 by Health Department staff. At this time, there are fifteen Time of Transfer contractors including two Health Department employees that have conducted Time of Transfer inspections in Scott County. Attached is a list of the Certified Inspectors and the number of inspections each conducted during the past fiscal year.

All Time of Transfer Inspection Reports from the Time of Transfer Inspectors are sent to the Health Department staff for review. We are required to follow-up on private sewage disposal systems when the Inspection Report indicates the sewage system is failing. As a result of the Time of Transfer Inspections in fiscal year 09, nine private sewage systems have been replaced and five have been repaired.

In addition, there has been an increase in the number of permits being issued for existing homes. If the homeowner knows their private sewage disposal system will not meet the Time of Transfer requirement, they are installing a new private sewage system and bypassing the Time of Transfer Inspection. I have included a chart depicting the number of Private Sewage Disposal System Permits issued over the past three fiscal years for new homes and systems not associated with a building permit.



## SCHD Private Sewage Disposal System Permits



The Time of Transfer Program is having a positive impact on Scott County in terms of correcting problems with private sewage disposal systems that we may not have been aware of had the program not been legislated. Larry Linnenbrink, Environmental Health Coordinator and I will be at the August 3, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding the Program.

