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SUBJECT: Installation of Sanitary Sewer facilities on CR E900S, CR S700E and CR E800S

The Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District (Whitley RSD) is a recently formed municipality of Whitley County, IN. The Whitley RSD was formed to offer sanitary sewer and potable water infrastructure and facilitate environmental stewardship projects in rural areas of Whitley County. A 7-member Board of Trustees appointed by government officials throughout Whitley County governs the Whitley RSD. You can learn more about the organization at the website: www.whitleyrsd.com.

The Whitley RSD is currently planning to install a new sanitary sewer forcemain from the Joseph Decuis Farm facility on CR E900S approximately 1,830 feet west of the intersection of County Roads E900 S and S700E. The alignment will run northward on CR S700E to the intersection of CR S800E then eastwardly to a connection point in the Westfield Passage neighborhood. The connection point, and down-flow infrastructure, is owned by Aqua Indiana, who will provide wastewater treatment services for the Whitley RSD in the area.

You have been included in this correspondence because you own a residential property along the existing and planned sanitary sewer alignment. This letter is to inform you that as a property owner along the proposed sewer route, you will have the option to connect to this sanitary sewer project. Some property owners may be mandated to connect to new and existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, according to state and local laws and regulations.

Current Residential Onsite Septic System Code IAC 6-8.3 states that:

- Effluent is discharging to the ground surface on or off of subject property
- Septic effluent backing up into residential plumbing – inadequate onsite drainage

- Ground water contamination – can be both drinking water and water table contamination

Additionally, the Stream Pollution Control Act of 1939 prohibits the discharge of septic tank effluent into the waters of Indiana. Waters of Indiana includes all streams, ditches, creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes that are not privately owned.

If the County Department of Health determines that your onsite septic system and lot size is non-compliant or failing, you may be required to connect to the new or existing sanitary sewer. The connection process will require decommissioning of current septic tank, installation of connecting infrastructure from your house or other structure to the main line and a possible connection fee assessed by Aqua Indiana.

For your convenience, we plan to hold an informational meeting about this project at the Joseph Decuis Farm event facility on **January 3rd, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**

Information to be covered:

- **Indiana Environmental Law**
 - Onsite septic system regulations
 - Regional Sewer Districts – rights and duties
- **Benefits of sanitary sewer vs. onsite septic**
- **Status of individual onsite septic systems along the planned alignment – Department of Health Report**
- **Proposed project timeline and expectations**
- **Q&A**

If you have any questions regarding this meeting or the Whitley RSD, please feel free to e-mail the Whitley RSD at SewerDistrict@whitley.gov.com or lane@bcs-management.com. We look forward to meeting with you.



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