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Attachment E

Verne Ball
Deputy County Counsel
Sonoma County Counsel's Office
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Mr. Ball,

This is in response to your concerns regarding whether a licensed C-42 contractor is authorized to design onsite wastewater treatment systems. According to the California Code of Regulations (16 CCR 832.42), a licensed sanitation system contractor is authorized to "fabricate and install cesspools, septic tanks, storm drains, and other sewage disposal and drain structures". However, a licensed C-42 contractor is not authorized to determine the type of system that should be installed and/or provide the preliminary soils testing to determine the type of system to be used on the property.

The use and design of fixed works for sewerage and purification of water, as identified in Section 6731 of the Business and Professions Code, is clearly within the definition of civil engineering and requires a civil engineering license.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. If you have additional questions, please contact me at (916) 263-2247 or natalie.king@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie King".

Natalie King, P.E.
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