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Dear Mr. Wolff:

SUBJECT: February 28, 2007, Meeting, Lake Isabella

This correspondence will confirm the results of The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Bureau, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section, On-Site Wastewater Unit, meeting with you and others held at the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD). The purpose of our meeting was to discuss your proposed work plan for evaluating the suitability of the Airpark and Isabella South Plats for on-site sewage and water supplies. The overall goal being the release of the restrictions in place governing the total number of on-site sewage permits available, jointly put in place by the former Michigan Department of Public Health, CMDHD, and the Isabella County Board of Public Works approximately 30 years ago. Also present during our meeting were Mr. Craig Schripsema, P.E., Rowe Engineering; Mr. Scott Jones, R.S., CMDHD; and Mr. Richard Falardeau, P.E., DEQ.

During our meeting, we discussed what site-specific information would need to be provided in addition to what has already been supplied by the village and your engineering consultant for these plats.

Airpark – Previous Soil work suggest that suitable soil conditions may exist to support on-site sewage systems to service each lot in the plat. At the time of the original plat approval, only a very limited number of soil evaluations were completed, since it was anticipated that on-site systems would be of a very temporary nature. Sufficient additional soils work must be scheduled and accomplished to document that all lots offer suitable soil conditions. We discussed with you the need to complete additional soil evaluations jointly by the DEQ, CMDHD, and your engineer. It was agreed upon that Rowe Engineering would be submitting a plan detailing accessible locations available within the plat to complete soil evaluations.

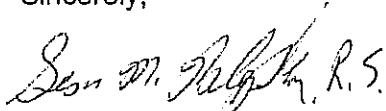
Lake Isabella South - Existing knowledge of soils in the area suggest that suitable conditions are not present for all lots to stand alone on individual on-site sewage systems. Discussions on available options included a mixture of individual on-site sewage systems in combination with a community system(s). It was agreed that a summary of the lot combinations that have occurred over time and the legal binding authority be summarized and submitted to all parties involved in the review process. As with the Airpark Plat, we discussed the need to complete additional soil evaluations and the submission of a plan detailing accessible locations available within the plat for review of soils.

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Water supplies - Consideration for the lot restriction to be lifted or adjusted is contingent on the presence of a potable groundwater source available in both plats. Therefore, in addition to assessment of soil suitability for on-site wastewater systems, water supply information detailing aquifer quality, quantity, and protection must be analyzed and submitted for review.

We trust that the above summarizes the results of our recent meeting at the CMDHD, Isabella County office. Should you have additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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