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Garrett County Health Department
Environmental Health Services
1025 Memorial Drive
Oakland, MD 21550

RE: Request for Well Siting Variance
Between Well and Foundation

Dear Approving Authority:

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In lieu of changing the location of my building foundation, my contractor and I agree to use construction techniques and materials which will not require the foundation or soil to be treated for pests, insects, or vermin in the future.

Along with this signed agreement, I have also submitted a plan of the proposed construction and showing the specific techniques and materials to be used.

I understand and assume the risks of pesticide treatments as a possible source of well contamination in the event that my well must be drilled closer than the required 30 foot minimum distance to an already existing dwelling.

I also understand that if the well is less than six feet from any proposed structure, an alternate well site must be available and accessible on the property which meets minimum distance regulations in the event that a replacement well must be drilled.

Thank you.

(Signature of Owner)

(Date)

(Signature of Contractor)

(Date)

Approved: _____
(Signature of Approving Authority)

(Date)

Disapproved: _____
(Signature of Approving Authority)

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There are provisions under COMAR 26.04.04.05.B.3 where deviations from this distance may be permitted in cases where the property owner has initiated or completed construction of the residential dwelling for a lot in compliance with all other applicable state, county or municipal laws and regulations.

Along with this signed request for a variance, I have also submitted a plan detailing the distances and constraints encountered on this lot which prohibits the 30 foot distance between the dwelling and the well. I understand and assume the risks of pesticide treatments as a possible source of well contamination due to drilling my well closer than the minimum required distance to my existing foundation.

Thank you.

(Signature of owner)

(Date)

(Signature of Well Driller)

(Date)

Approved: _____
(Signature of Approving Authority)

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