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TO: Executive Board

Indiana Department of Health

FROM: Kelly MacKinnon

Chief Legal Counsel

RE: Residential onsite sewage system rule update

The Indiana Department of Health (Department) is presenting the residential onsite sewage system rule update to the Executive Board for discussion. This draft of the rule update is different from the previous version the Board reviewed because of legislative changes made during the 2023 legislative session. This update is now limited to:

- Clarifying that local ordinances may be stricter than the IDOH rule if approved by the technical review panel as set forth in the Indiana Code;
- Makes changes to statutory references to any updated Indiana Code and conflicts between the administrative rule and Indiana Code, including updating the plan review time to 30 days and sink hole setbacks of at least 25 feet; and
- Updating matters incorporated by reference to the most current version as appropriate.

The Department is waiting State Budget Agency approval to proceed with the next step in the rulemaking process.

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