

## **Powts Inventory Maintenance Program Frequently asked Questions and Answers**

1. **What is this notice and why did I receive it?** *You have received the Inspection Verification Notice as part of a new requirement of the state of Wisconsin that all septic systems must be inspected or pumped every 3 years. **This is mandated by the State of Wisconsin ACT 347, adopted by Wisconsin Legislature in 2005, and subsequently in chapter 145 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Comm 83.225(State of Wisconsin Plumbing Code)***
2. **What do I have to do?** *Contact a licensed septage hauler, POWTS Inspector, licensed master plumber or master plumber-restricted service to verify the condition of your system. Provider lists are available at the zoning office or the department link at [www.co.waushara.wi.us.com](http://www.co.waushara.wi.us.com)*
3. **I had my system pumped last year; is that good enough?** *You still need your service provider to sign the verification form and verify the date of service. Some providers will submit the form for you, but **ultimately it is the landowners responsibility to have the maintenance performed and submit the proper verification..***
4. **I have a holding tank, and have it pumped many times a year.** *We still require verification that a visual inspection has been done every three years, and this form must be completed by the provider.*
5. **This is a seasonal cottage, vacant home, or the dwelling was never built.** *The state mandate does not differentiate if use of the system is continual, seasonal, permanent, or non-existent. Systems with infrequent or no use can still be vulnerable to damage from Wisconsin winters and vehicular traffic. If there is a septic system there, it needs to be inspected.*
6. **I feel I've received a verification notice in error?** *Please, contact the Zoning office 920-787-0453. You will need the following information from your verification notice when you call: Landowner name, parcel number, property/system location, permit number, and phone. We will research your situation and get back to you with our findings.*
7. **Why didn't I receive a verification card?** *Due to the volume of systems in the county we are sequentially phasing additional systems into the program each year. If you've not received a notice your system may not yet be entered into the rotation. If you'd like to be added to the program at this time, contact the Zoning department for a verification form.*

**If you have further questions regarding the Powts Inventory Maintenance Program throughout the State, contact Roman Kominski, POWTS Program Manager at the Department of Commerce 715-345-5334.**