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Septic Tank Destruction

Abandonment Regulations:

- California Health & Safety Code section 115700(a)
- Humboldt County Code Title VI Chapter 2 section 612-2
- Humboldt County Code Title VI Chapter 1 section 611-6

Abandonment Requirements:

1. Submit a permit application and plot plan to Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health for review and approval prior to destroying/abandoning septic tank.
2. For every abandoned septic tank:
 - A. The sewage must be removed by a certified pumping company.
 - B. Completely fill with earth, sand, gravel, concrete, or other approved material.
 - C. The cover of the septic tank shall be removed before filling.
 - D. The filling shall not extend above the top of the vertical portions of the sidewalls or above the level of any outlet pipe until an inspection has been completed by Division of Environmental Health.
 - E. After inspection by Division of Environmental Health, the septic tank shall be filled to the level of the surface of the ground.
3. Warning: Check with Building Department officials if the septic tank to be destroyed/abandoned is located less than five feet from any future foundation, concrete slab, or pier/post as special provisions may be required to ensure the integrity of such structures is not compromised.