

Town of Stoughton Board of Health

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Stoughton Board of Health (BOH) supplemental BOH Policy

For Title 5 septic systems &/or inspections when found that distribution boxes (or septic tanks) have been paved over without the State required manhole access at grade

Title V requires (at a minimum) distribution boxes & septic tank outlets be accessed & inspected when an official Title V inspection is performed or otherwise required by State regulations or the local approving authority. It is prohibited from building structures over which that would prohibit that access unless in accordance with Title 5 & approved by the BOH.

Should a MA licensed inspector find that one or more of these components has been “paved over” or a structure “built over” without the State specified (& BOH approved) access requirements &/or loading requirements, the MA licensed inspector should immediately notify the owner to determine if they wish to hire a BOH installer (with the appropriate permit) to fix the nonconformity to gain the required access to complete the inspection. If this is not feasible or possible, the inspector may submit their report as a “conditional” pass (while specifying which component needs to be replaced or modified to meet which) or as a “further evaluation required” if needed to have the local approving authority provide guidance to determine what further action may be needed to complete the title 5 inspection & site assessment.

Note: see 310 CMR 15.221, 222, 226, 227, 228, 232, & 240 for specifications for components construction & access requirements for inspection of system components (tanks, distribution boxes & leaching components) & restrictions & specifications under structures & impermeable surfaces including driveways & pavement.

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