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Mr. Brad Johnson
T&J Panel Inc.
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RE: Use of PPBPS in Fill

Mr. Johnson:

The On-Site Water Protection Branch (OSWP) received your request for a rule interpretation on May 20, 2021, for the use of Prefabricated, Permeable Block Panel Systems (PPBPS) in fill with a 50% reduction in field area. After thorough review and consultation with the Attorney General's office, it has been determined that the rules governing on-site wastewater systems in North Carolina, 15A NCAC 18A .1900, **do not prohibit** the use of PPBPS in fill with the 50% reduction calculated in 15A NCAC 18A .1956(3)(a)(ii)(B).

I think it would be greatly beneficial for our profession to add a diagram and installation instructions for PPBPS in fill to your Design, Installation and Maintenance of the T & J Panel Wastewater Treatment System manual.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jon K. Fowlkes, REHS
On-Site Water Protection Branch Head

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