Project Review Handout

This application is required when changes are proposed to a building or property served by an existing and **PERMITTED** septic system. Examples include changing the intended use of a building (residential to commercial), adding shops/garages or swimming pools to the property, expansion of an existing building footprint (but not adding additional bedrooms), interior remodels, and/or when connecting a new building to the existing permitted septic system (total bedroom count to remain the same). A copy of the site plan that will be submitted for your building permit must be attached. Please note you must have 100% of a reserve drainfield area available and **shown on your site plan** to have your project approved. This application is required for any project which requires Chelan-Douglas Health District’s written approval and/or comments typically required by the County Building Department for a building permit.

If the existing septic system is **UNPERMITTED**, you will need to submit a soil/site report by a licensed designer or engineer with your Project Review application indicating that a gravity drainfield is appropriate for the site. At a minimum the report must include a soil evaluation near the existing drainfield and a site plan showing the reserve drainfield area. If the soil and site analysis indicates a gravity drainfield is not an appropriate method of effluent disposal, a pressure septic system design and repair application and fee will be required to approve your project.

Septic system expansions, such as going from a 2 bedroom home to a 3 bedroom home, will require a new septic system meeting current code requirements for new construction standards to include 100% reserve drainfield area available.

Based on our review of the project, septic permit, soil/site reports, information in our files, etc. there may be **Conditions of Approval** applied to the project and/or the requirement for a completely new septic system. You will be informed via a letter from our department.

**Project Review fees:** There is a $91 minimum fee for the first hour of our staff review and, if necessary, additional billing for each ¼ hour thereafter. You will be invoiced when our review of your project is completed.