## NATIONAL INSPECTION PLAN | Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems

## Consultation on Proposals for 2015-2017

The Environmental Protection Agency invites submissions on the proposals outlined in Chapter 6 of the *National Inspection Plan | Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems: A Review of the Period 1st July 2013-30thJune 2014*.

In order to assist with this, we have posed a number of questions listed below to which we would welcome your response. It would be helpful if you could number your responses with the same number as the question below. In order to assist us with the assessment of these submissions, please provide a rationale for your response to each question. Additional comments are welcome.

Submissions should be emailed to**DWWTSInspections@epa.ie**or sent by post to:

**National Inspection Plan 2015-2017 Consultation**,

Environmental Protection Agency,

McCumiskey House,

Richview,

Clonskeagh Road,

Dublin 14

to arrive no later than the **3rd March 2015**.

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| ***Question 1: Despite widespread media coverage of registration and inspection of domestic waste water treatment systems, 67% of respondents to a survey had not sought out information on these systems.*** |
| Did you try to find out information? | Yes/No |
| * If yes, what prompted you to do so?
 | Please give details  |
| * If no, what prevented you from doing so?
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| * Was it a lack of awareness of where to find the information? If so, what information would be helpful?
 | Yes/No |
| * Was it a fear that your system might require costly work to be carried out?
 | Yes/No |
| * Was it a lack of awareness of the possible health risks posed by such systems?
 | Yes/No |
| * Other reason
 | Please give details |
| ***Question 2: The review has found that the main reasons for systems failing the inspection are due to a failure to desludge or operate/maintain a system properly. Actions to address these issues would not qualify for grant assistance.*** |
| * Are you surprised at this finding?
 | Yes/No |
| * Did you realise that these are necessary to make sure your system works properly and doesn’t pose a threat to your health?
 | Yes/No |
| * Did you know that it is a legal requirement to maintain your system so that it doesn’t pose a risk to human health or the environment?
 | Yes/No |
| * On hearing that most systems should not require major works, are you more likely to check out your system and take any necessary actions, such as desludging the tank (approximate cost €250)?
 | Yes/No |
| ***Question 3: What further supports would be helpful?*** Please give details |
| ***Please enter any further comments you would like to make:***Please give details |