

## ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM TRACKING

### BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN OF BOURNE

Due to the fact that the tracking of Alternative Septic systems has become increasingly difficult for local Boards of Health to accomplish and the proper tracking and maintenance is critical to ensure proper operation and treatment of septic effluent; and since the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment has obtained funding to create an on-line Alternative Tracking Database, the Board of Health, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31, at its meeting on April 27, 2005, hereby adopts the following:

Operators of all innovative/alternative septic systems must report the results of all operation, maintenance, and monitoring activities to the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment. Such reporting must be performed in the manner specified by the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment and must occur within 15 days after each installation, monitoring, and maintenance event. Further, when a system operator performs a septic inspection and finds that a sewage treatment technology has malfunctioning components which have compromised the system's ability to treat sewage as designed or as conditioned by the Bourne Board of Health's approval, the operator shall report on the system's status and any planned corrective actions to the Board of Health and the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment within 48 hours of inspection. Failure to complete such reporting may result in a fine of \$100.00 for each non-reporting incident. Failure to correct any problems will result in a penalty to the homeowner per the Bourne Board of Health's existing regulation dated effective January 2, 2003 regarding failure to maintain, test, or operate an approved Alternative Technology Septic System.