

Septic Inspections?

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Is it me or does the county government seem to leap frog from one environmental fiasco to the next? Now they insist that MY septic system has to be "inspected"? Since when did my septic system become a problem for the environment? I've not been visited by any environmental agencies and have not been informed that the effluent from my family was causing anyone any problems. It would seem odd to me if they did, considering that my house is between 2 large farms. Wouldn't someone need to show some sort of evidence that an individual septic system was causing a problem before mobilizing the back door taxation crews?

Isn't this the same county that has allowed a jail sewage leak to persist for its employees? What about my constitutionally protected 4th Amendment right against unlawful searches? Don't the county health inspectors or someone need to show "probable cause" to somebody before telling me that my waste is causing this as of yet undefined and unproven "problem" requiring county health people to come out and help me "fix" my septic system? My septic system was properly permitted and professionally installed only a few years ago, to the tune of \$10,000 by the way, and was inspected at that time by the county.

I've not seen any unusual wet spots. My water tastes just fine. I don't smell anything unusual that isn't common to a rural area. My neighbors aren't complaining either about anything related to this *septic crisis*. I've not seen anyone yet, not one expert, offer a shred of proof that this is even necessary. So what is really going on here? I'll tell you what it is. Its back door taxation cleverly couched in "protect the environment" language to make it palatable to all of us sheep. It's just like any other brain child of the greedy. Follow the money and you'll soon learn what's really going on here.

As for me, if a county inspector shows up and wants to inspect my septic system, I'm going to ask for some type of evidence that shows MY system is causing problems somewhere. If they can't show it, to my satisfaction, they can't see my septic system without a search warrant and I'll invite them to leave. I hope you'll do the same.