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**RE: Wastewater System Assessment & Inventory Project - Information request**

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The Curve Lake First Nation Lands Department is funded through the Reserve Lands and Environmental Management Program (RLEMP) of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The RLEMP program is a land and environment management program that seeks to establish the conditions under which First Nations are able to exercise increased responsibility over their reserve land, resources and environment by undertaking Indian Act land management activities on behalf of AANDC. With that being said, one of the main components of this program, which falls in line with our inherent custodial connections to the land, is maintaining the environmental integrity of our territory.

Currently, Curve Lake is conducting a project concerning community wide wastewater systems (septics). Septic systems are a vital resource in managing waste, and if not maintained, pose the risk of contaminating our land and communal ground water systems. We are requesting your assistance in obtaining information on your septic systems for this important study.

We have contracted a qualified company to carry out this work. We are hopeful that you, Curve Lake Members, can locate and volunteer any information you may have on your septic systems. Records of inspection, installation dates, etc. What we are hoping to achieve from the study is to identify potential environmental risks, vulnerable septic systems, information to qualify an overall action plan for community wide remediation where necessary and ongoing maintenance. We have advanced to the stage to which we require volunteers for a full septic inspection. This inspection will be completed at no cost to you. We are looking for septic systems that are particularly vulnerable or over 25 yrs old.

**If you are interested in assisting with this study and volunteering your septic system, please give me a call. We need to have 10 potential names submitted no later than July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We hope to begin the testing in August. You can contact me via email at [alisonic@curvelake.ca](mailto:alisonic@curvelake.ca) or by phone at (705) 657-8045.**

We always look forward to hearing from you, and we are happy to share with you our information about this project!

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