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### **SOILS INVESTIGATION POLICY FOR PEPIN COUNTY CHAPTER THIRTEEN MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE**

Pepin County's Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Manure Storage was adopted to regulate the location, design, construction and installation of manure storage facilities in order to prevent water pollution. Under this ordinance any one wishing to construct a facility for storing manure must submit an engineering design to the county which meets all of the requirements as set forth in Ch. 13.12 (4) Pepin County Code of Ordinances. Three of the most important requirements are listed under Ch. 13.12 (4) (i), (j), (k) which details soil test pit locations, soils descriptions, drainage provisions and depth to bedrock. The findings of the soils investigation determines what types of structures can be used on a given site.

Currently all aspects of a manure storage engineering plan is completed by a Professional Engineer that is hired by the person wishing to construct the storage facility. Due to the complexity and importance of the soil investigation portion of a manure storage engineering plan it is imperative that a person trained to identify limiting factors in soil profiles be on site during the excavation of the soil test pits. Therefore any soil investigations that are conducted for the purpose of constructing a manure storage facility shall be done with a NRCS Soil Scientist or Land Conservation Department staff trained in soil investigations on site to complete the soil investigation reports. These soils reports will then be given to the Professional Engineer that is hired by the person wishing to construct the manure storage facility.

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