

Proposed Letter to County- Septic Tank Inspection

Letter to Sarasota County Administration
and Commissioners

In response to the extensive and lengthy outbreak of red and blue tide the city of Venice has made several proposals concerning the monitoring and reduction of various nutrients into the water system. Through public meetings information has indicated that human impact can have a major impact. We have initiated a program to bring to 100% commercial and residential connection from septic to sewer and to increase the monitoring of discharge into the creeks and streams.

Yet there are over 6,000 private septic tank system that are adjoining city limits that may have a direct negative impact on the quality of water entering the gulf thus assisting in future outbreaks.

Therefore the city of Venice respectfully request that the County of Sarasota institute an ordinance will require septic tank owners to inspect their systems every five year to guarantee that it is successfully operating and it is not leaking excessive nutrients into the land. Such action will have a broad impact to restore the quality of water within the various rivers and streams surrounding the city of Venice and the Bays and Gulf. The leadership of the City of Venice, its staff and community at large desires to work jointly with Sarasota County in setting new standards for water quality

Respectfully and on the behalf of the City of Venice