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To: OSSF Designers, OSSF Installers and Other Permitting Professionals

Subject: Joinder Agreements/Property Line Crossings

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Beginning September 1, 2021, we will no longer be accepting joinder agreements. If it is necessary for the OSSF and its components, including all piping and the structures it is serving, to cross a property line, the property owner will need to work with the Brazoria County Engineering office to combine the tracts. This is done through an application for a property line adjustment. The document and information are located on their website at the link below:

<https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/engineering/small-subdivision>

The process may take a few weeks to complete, so please refer the property owners to their office to complete this step prior to submittal of the OSSF permit application to our office. We will require a copy of the recorded plat before it can be approved and preferably before it is submitted. Property information can be found on the Brazoria County Appraisal District webpage and the Brazoria County Engineering GIS Interactive Map. Both links are below:

Appraisal: <https://www.brazoriacad.org/>

GIS: <https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/engineering/gis>

We realize that this will be quite an adjustment but it has become necessary due to the ineffectiveness of the joinder agreement to prevent properties from being separated. We have encountered many instances like this that have created highly problematic situations for property owners, resulting in our department having to step in and initiate enforcement. We are committed to helping this process run smoothly and are available for any questions you may have.