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**NEW ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM MAKES SUBMITTING CONSTRUCTION PLANS  
TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT EASIER, QUICKER, CHEAPER**

It will now be easier than ever for design professionals to get construction plans approved by the Westchester County Health Department thanks to a new “e-filing” system being installed. The new option to submit construction plans electronically to the Health Department for approval will be available beginning July 2, 2007 and will save time and streamline the approval process.

“We believe this new option will be a great convenience to architects and engineers,” said Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Joshua Lipsman, “But the increased efficiency of the system will also reduce costs and this is good news for Westchester taxpayers.”

Licensed and registered professional engineers and architects who utilize most computer assisted design software will have the option of setting up an account that will enable them to file construction plans electronically through the Health Department website. It will also enable them to receive notification of plan revisions required by the Health Department and to update submitted plans to incorporate these revisions. This will simplify and speed up the approval process and eliminate printing and mailing costs.

This new system will offer the e-filing option in all Health Department programs for construction of septic systems, drinking water wells, realty subdivisions, public pools, water and sewer main extensions, drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities, industrial air pollution prevention equipment, and backflow prevention devices. The traditional method of filing plans by mail will still be accepted.

For security purposes, IDs and passwords are required to file and then access plans. Accounts must be initially set up by telephone by calling the Health Department. Only design professionals can set up accounts.

For more information, please call the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000 or visit the Health Department website at [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).