

**561—9.2 (558) Form.**

**9.2(1)** The transferor or the transferor's agent or attorney shall sign department Form 542-0960, "Groundwater Hazard Statement," which may be obtained from the department or local county recorder. An agent or attorney may sign the form for the transferor, but in doing so the agent or attorney represents that a good faith inquiry of the transferor has been made regarding the information contained in the form and that the information is correct. The department hereby adopts by reference Form 542-0960, "Groundwater Hazard Statement," as amended through June 26, 2009. For all real estate transactions dated July 1, 2009, or later, a county recorder shall accept only the amended and revised form, as adopted by reference on April 1, 2009. Beginning September 1, 2009, a county recorder shall accept only the amended and revised form as amended through June 26, 2009, as adopted by reference. From July 1, 2009, through August 31, 2009, either of the above-referenced forms may be used. The department authorizes the reproduction of Form 542-0960 by any person through photocopying or electronic means so long as the general format and wording are not altered in the reproduction thereof.

**9.2(2)** The form shall be submitted to the county recorder, in the form prescribed by the recorder, at the time that a real estate transaction document with which a groundwater hazard statement is required by 9.1(4) is filed with the county recorder.

**9.2(3)** In all cases, the county recorder shall return the original of the statement to the transferee when the recorded instrument is returned. If the statement submitted reveals that there is a well, a disposal site, an underground storage tank, or hazardous waste on the property, a copy of the form shall be submitted to the department within 15 days after the close of each month. If a standardized electronic format is established by agreement between the Iowa County Recorders Association and the department, then the department's copy may be submitted electronically in the manner established by the agreement. Forms on which a private burial site is the sole matter disclosed and which do not reveal the existence of a well, disposal site, underground storage tank, or hazardous waste on the property shall not be submitted to the department. Forms shall be retained by the department for a period of five years.

**9.2(4)** The form shall include the name and address of both the transferor and transferee; the street address of the real estate involved; and the legal description of the real estate involved.