



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

RECLASSIFICATION OF GROUNDWATER
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SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT	Reclassification of groundwater is not a permit, instead it is a designation assigned to a geographic area. Classification is designed to manage and protect Vermont's groundwater resources.
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	<p><u>Class I:</u> Suitable for public water supply. Character uniformly excellent. No exposure to activities that pose a risk to its current or potential use as a public water supply.</p> <p><u>Class II:</u> Suitable for public water supply. Character uniformly excellent but exposed to activities that may pose a risk to its current or potential use as a public water supply.</p> <p><u>Class III:</u> Suitable as a source of water for individual domestic water supply irrigation, agricultural use and general industrial and commercial use.</p> <p><u>Class IV:</u> Not suitable as a source of potable water but suitable for some agricultural, industrial and commercial use.</p> <p>By default, all of Vermont's groundwater was initially designated as a Class III.</p>
CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION	<p>Groundwater can be reclassified by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources based upon the following considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. its use or potential future use as a public water supply source; 2. the extent of activity which poses a risk to the groundwater; 3. its current water quality; 4. its availability in quantities needed for beneficial use; 5. the consequences of its potential contamination and the availability of alternative sources of water; and 6. the classification of adjacent surface waters and other factors relevant to determine the maximum beneficial use of the aquifer.
INFORMATION REQUIRED	The information required varies depending upon the type of classification requested. Please contact the Water Supply Division for specific information.
WEB ADDRESS	http://www.VermontDrinkingWater.org
FEES	No fees are presently required.
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	No time frame is presently established.

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

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WATER SUPPLY DIVISION**

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Application Forms and additional information are available at
www.VermontDrinkingWater.org

AUTHORITY

10 VSA Chapter 48, § 1390 - 1394 and 1410

**APPLICABLE
RULES**

Environmental Protection Rules, Chapter 12, Groundwater Protection Rule and Strategy

**APPEAL
PROCESS**

Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of [10 VSA Chapter 220](#).