

Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Solid Waste Management Program
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DISPOSAL OF CLOGGED SEPTIC SYSTEM/LEACH FIELD STONE
INSIGNIFICANT WASTE MANAGEMENT EVENT APPROVAL
GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND APPLICATION FORM

INTRODUCTION:

The disposal of clogged leach field stone may be determined by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources ("Agency") to constitute an Insignificant Waste Management Event Approval ("IWMEA") under the definition found in Section 6-301 (c) of the Solid Waste Management Rules ("Rules"), if properly sited and managed. This written approval provides an alternative to disposal of this waste at a certified solid waste disposal facility.

This document provides guidance on how to obtain written approval from the Solid Waste Management Division ("Division") of the Agency for disposal of clogged leach field stone from the repair or replacement of a failed septic system. A request must be submitted by the owner of the property where disposal of the leach field stone is proposed or by a registered professional engineer or a certified site technician who has been retained to supervise the repair of the failed leach field. Information submitted with the request must demonstrate conformance with the criteria in the procedure titled "Procedure Addressing The Disposal of Clogged Septic System Stone" adopted by the Secretary on February 8, 1999. A copy of this procedure is attached.

The limitations, siting standards and operational requirements for this type of authorization were developed from the Rules, which are promulgated under the authority of 10 V.S.A. Section 6603. Violations of the conditions of the authorization are enforced as violations of applicable statutes and Rules, and may involve substantial penalties.

An applicant needs only to submit a completed application form along with the necessary attachments. It is suggested that a careful review of this document and a thorough check of the application and attachments be performed, as the completeness of the application will have a direct bearing upon how quickly an application may be reviewed. There is no fee for this type of application and written approval.

We recommend that you contact the Permit Specialist assigned to the Region within which the project is located. The Permit Specialist will then make a determination concerning other state permits you may need to obtain prior to commencing your project (see attached map for your local Regional Office).

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

In addition to completing the application form attached to this guidance document, persons requesting an IWMEA must include the following items:

1. A written request submitted by the owner of the property where disposal of the leach field stone is proposed or by a registered professional engineer, or a certified site technician who has been retained to supervise the repair of the failed leach field. Information submitted with the request must describe the source of the waste and demonstrate that each of the criteria in the February 8, 1999 Agency procedure titled "Procedure Addressing The Disposal of Clogged Septic System Stone" will be met.
2. The application form must be accompanied by a letter from the landowner where the disposal is to occur giving permission for the waste disposal. The application form must include the information concerning the landowner, person(s) responsible for the disposal of the waste, volume of waste, and the schedule when disposal will take place.
3. A site map (minimum size 8 ½" x 11" -- maybe hand drawn) showing the layout of the area and the proposed disposal area. The map must show the location of property lines, buildings, wells, surface waters, wetlands, and roads. The map must indicate the distance of each of the preceding items from the proposed disposal area. The map may be drawn to scale.
4. A Soil Conservation Service (SCS) soil map for the area (if available) or copy thereof, along with the listings of the soil types involved in the area shown on the map. The location of the proposed disposal site must be indicated on the map or map copy. The location of the nearest SCS office may be determined by checking the White Pages in your local telephone directory under US Government/Department of Agriculture.
5. A USGS topographical map for the proposed area or applicable copy thereof with the quadrangle title listed on the copy, with the location of the proposed disposal site indicated on the map or the copy. USGS maps are usually available at sporting goods stores or may be obtained at the State Geologist's Office, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury VT 05671-0301.

Landowners will be considered co-applicants for the application and will be jointly and severally responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of the IWMEA.

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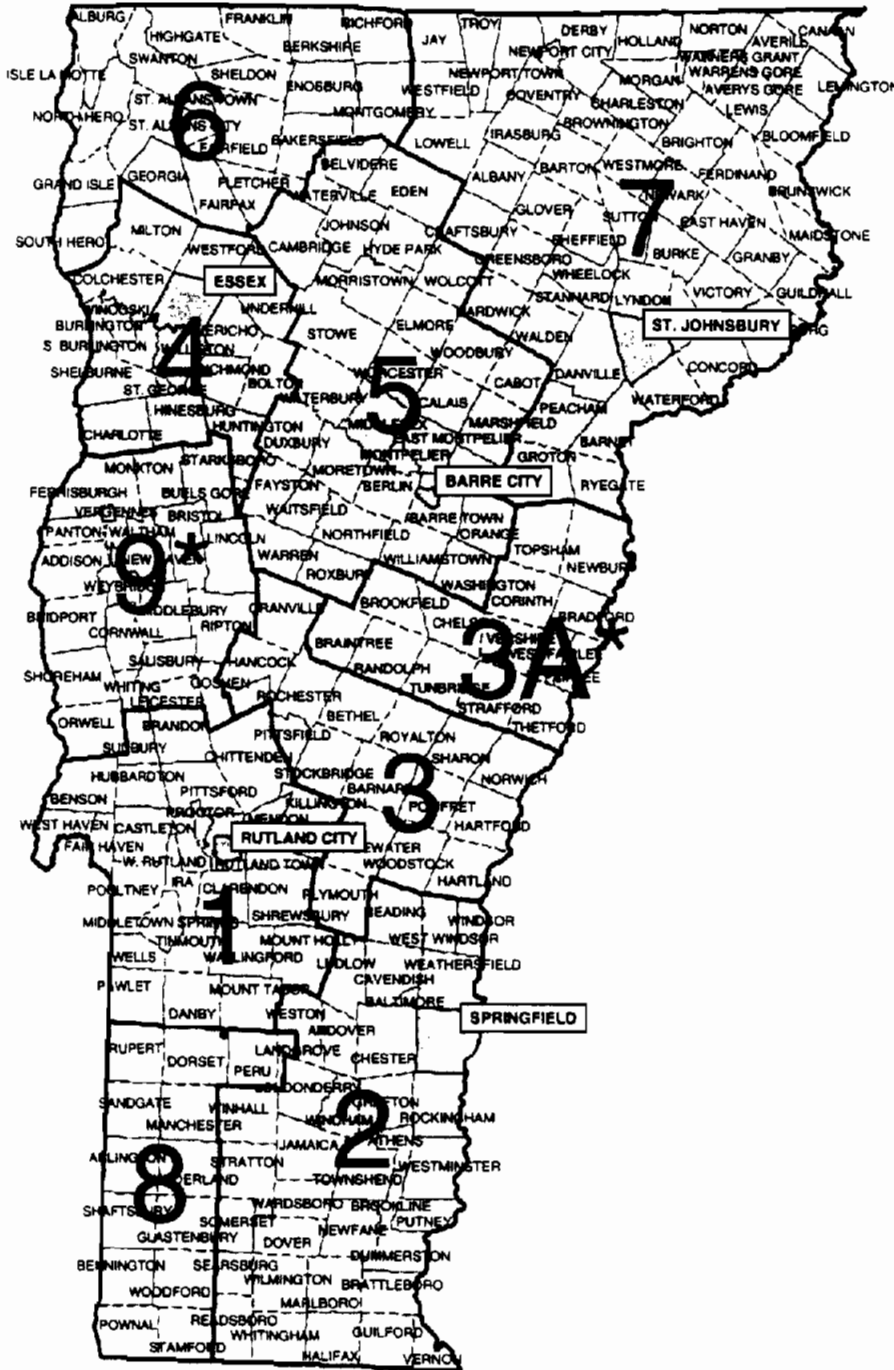
ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS:

A written IWMEA issued by the Secretary will be only for the waste listed in the application, and will be issued based on the information submitted as part of the application. The person(s) receiving the IWMEA are obligated to ensure that only the waste approved for disposal is buried and to prevent other wastes from being disposed of at the site.

Violators of an IWMEA may be subject to enforcement, which may include revocation of the IWMEA authorization and substantial fines. Currently, administrative penalties range up to \$100,000 with criminal sanctions ranging up to \$50,000 and six months imprisonment per violation, and each day's continuing activity may be considered a separate and distinct violation.

REGIONAL OFFICES

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR) DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS (ACT 250)



DISTRICTS 1, 8, & 9

450 Asa Bloomer State Office Bldg.
Merchants Row,
Rutland, VT 05701-5903

Permit Specialist 786-5907
Regional Engineer 786-5900
Act 250 (Dist #1 & 8) 786-5920
Act 250 (Dist #9) 879-5614
River Management 786-5906

DISTRICTS 2 & 3

100 Mineral St, Ste #303
Springfield, VT 05156

Permit Specialist 885-8850
Regional Engineer 885-8855
Act 250 (Dist #2, 3, & 3A) 885-8855
River Management 786-5906

DISTRICTS 4 & 6

111 West Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Permit Specialist 879-5676
Regional Engineer (Dist #4 & 6) .. 879-5676
Regional Engineer (Dist #9) 786-5900
Act 250 (Dist #4, 6, & 9) 879-5614
River Management 879-5631

DISTRICTS 3A & 5

5 Perry Street, Suite 80
Barre, VT 05641

Permit Specialist 476-0195
Regional Engineer 476-0190
Act 250 (Dist # 3A) 885-8855
Act 250 (Dist # 5) 476-0185
River Management 879-5631

DISTRICT 7

1229 Portland St-Ste 201
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Permit Specialist (Tues) 751-0127
Regional Engineer 751-0130
Act 250 751-0120
River Management 751-0129

3A* NOTE:

Towns in District 3A must contact the Springfield Office for Act 250 Permits. For Water Supply, Wastewater Disposal and Subdivision Permits, District 3A must contact the Barre Office.

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Towns in District 9 must contact the Essex Junction Office for Act 250 Permits. For Water Supply, Wastewater Disposal and Subdivision Permits, District 9 must contact the Rutland Office.

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Person Completing Form: _____

Signature: _____

Person(s) Responsible for Disposal [applicant(s)]:

a. Landowner -- Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

b. Other(s) -- [e.g. generator of waste, where different from landowner]

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Source of waste -- _____

Tonnage of Waste -- _____

Dates of Disposal -- Starting: _____ Ending: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter from the person(s) requesting the IWMEA outlining the activity and demonstrating compliance with the February 8, 1999 Agency procedure titled "Procedure Addressing The Disposal of Clogged Septic System Stone".
- B. Permission letter from landowner.
- C. Site map, SCS map, and USGS map (or copies thereof) with the disposal site indicated on the maps.
- D. Other pertinent information that may be helpful in reviewing the application.

Applicant(s) Signature:

Landowner

Date

Other [co-applicant(s)]

Date