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Indirect Discharge Section's **Invitation for Electronic Submittals**



The Indirect Discharge Permit Section would like to invite all indirect discharge permittees to submit their monitoring reports via e-mail to our new reports mailbox.

The reports, in Excel format or .pdf format, should be attached to an e-mail message.

The submittal address is ANR.IDP@state.vt.us

Using this mailbox generates an auto-reply to you and distributes the submittal to three individuals at the Wastewater Management Division.

In order to utilize electronic submittals, permittees will need to scan a signature of the individual who approves the report and paste it on the appropriate area of the monitoring form and date the report. Alternatively, the permittee can scan a signed letter for each submission.

Scanned copies of lab data sheets (.pdf format) can also be attached to the e-mail.

If you are interested in using electronic submittals, please call John Akielaszek @ 802-241-3824 or e-mail him at john.akielaszek@state.vt.us

NOTE: This electronic submittal offer does not apply to reporting requirements under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program.

Federal requirements regarding NPDES discharge permits prevent us from accepting electronic submittals of applications, Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) and certain other reports.

An Alternative Leakage Testing Specification for Septic Tanks

From the Indirect Discharge Rules, §14-1001:

“Professional Engineers are encouraged to use equally or more effective technologies or practices in the design of systems under these guidelines.”

The leakage testing specification for septic tanks in the Indirect Discharge Rules §14-1008(d) requires the use of water with no backfilling of the tanks until the testing is completed. In some cases a source of water is not readily available. For larger precast tanks, the tank must be backfilled in order to maintain structural integrity. In order to provide an equivalent alternative to the leakage test using water, the Indirect Discharge Section will allow a vacuum test for septic tanks using the following test parameters:

Seal the empty tank and apply a vacuum to 4 inches of mercury (100 mm).

The test duration is a minimum of five (5) minutes.

The tank is considered approved if the vacuum is maintained at 4 inches of mercury for the duration of the test (no leakage).

What is eDEC?

eDEC is ANR's secure, online system for electronic submittal of permit applications. There are three types of permit applications that can be submitted to ANR via eDEC: MSGP, UST Renewals, and Wastewater and Potable Water Supply. Users select the type of permit and then enter the permit application data. eDEC also allows users to upload documents (like plans) and to pay online.

For more information or for answers to Frequently Asked Questions About eDEC go to:

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/EngServ.htm#applications>

DEC = Department of Environmental Conservation
ANR = Agency of Natural Resources
MSGP = Multi-Sector General Permit
UST = Underground Storage Tank

Did you know?

The Regional Office Water/Wastewater Program maintains a web page <http://www.septic.vt.gov> for consultants, designers and the public who are looking for information and documents.

- Need to find someone to design your septic system? Check out the list of Licensed Designers.
- Want a copy of the Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules? Use our order form or download a copy from the website.
- Interested in making an electronic application submission? Find out how with eDEC.
- Looking for a copy of a wastewater permit or plans? Many documents are available on-line.



IDEAS for COST SAVINGS

Save your company letterhead!

You do not need to include a cover letter with your monitoring report forms. Keep your company letterhead for more important correspondence or for times when your comments do not fit in the comment section of the reporting forms.

Save staff time and paper!

ATTENTION: Municipal, Industrial and Pretreatment wastewater treatment facilities you do not need to provide two copies of your monthly reporting forms. One copy is sufficient. This also applies to those who also report using the Residuals Management quarterly reporting forms.

Save postage!

Be sure your monitoring report is complete and appropriately signed by both the preparer and the authorized representative. This will save having to return the report for signature. If you are required to submit monthly monitoring reports and Residuals Management quarterly reports; SAVE postage and send both reporting forms together.

Internet Access - Avoid using paper and postage!

Use www.securevtanr.com to apply on-line for a Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply permit.

Are you unable to use eDEC for electronic application submittal?

Submit plans on a CD in PDF format for regional office review. Saves plotter time, paper and ink, and saves us scanning time. This effort will also preserve the quality of the documents.

Electronic Correspondence

Provide us with your e-mail address so we may correspond electronically. E-mail Julie.Campbell@state.vt.us, Carole.Fowler@state.vt.us or Ginny.Little@state.vt.us

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Wastewater Management Division administers several regulatory programs required to provide opportunity for public comment prior to final action on a permit application. Documents are posted on our website and we use e-mail notification for interested parties of new postings for NPDES permits, Pretreatment permits, Indirect Discharge permits, Residuals Management solid waste certifications and Underground Injection Control (UIC) permits. To have your e-mail address added to our distribution list, please contact ginny.little@state.vt.us

Certification Corner

Examination

The next Wastewater Operator Certification **Examination** will be held on Wednesday, **October 7th, 2009** registration deadline for the exam is August 12, 2009. Registration forms are available on our website and have been mailed to all interested parties and active wastewater operators.

NOTE: Successfully completing the certification exam does not mean you are automatically certified; you must apply for certification.

Training

Visit our website for a current list of approved training opportunities to fulfill training requirements for renewals and upgrades.

If you know of a wastewater training session of interest and do not see it on our website, contact paul.olander@state.vt.us for preapproval.

Designer License Program

The Designer License program has seen several changes of the past year or so. Last December, we positioned ourselves for processing renewal licenses annually on the same date. The transition was complicated by bi-annual continuing education requirements. Then this spring due to some Department organizational changes Allison Lowry (and her expertise) left the program to work for the Water Supply Division. We were fortunate to have two staff from our Springfield office step up to the task. Dolores Kuhn and Terry Shearer are sharing these responsibilities in addition to managing their regional office permitting workloads. Designer License examinations are being given just once this year but we have offset that by providing and coordinating more training to help designers obtain continuing education credits.

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