

Administrative Procedures – Public Input Statement

Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. This form must be completed for the following filings made during the rulemaking process:

- Proposed Rule Filing
- Final Proposed Filing
- Adopted Rule Filing
- Emergency Rule Filing

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certification Rule

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Agency of Natural Resources

Department of Environmental Conservation

3. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

In 2012, an Advisory Committee was formed to assist with various aspects of the Wastewater Operator Certification Program. The Committee includes individuals who are highly knowledgeable and skilled in the field of wastewater. The primary focus of the Committee has been to update the 1985 Wastewater Facility Operator Certification Regulations. In 2013, surveys were sent to all active wastewater operators requesting data relevant to facility treatment processes. A mailing was also sent requesting comment on a draft of the proposed Rule.

Committee Members are:

Andrew D. Fish, Environmental Analyst V, Vermont (VT) DEC

David DiDomenico, Environmental Analyst V, VT DEC

Carole Fowler, Environmental Analyst IV, VT DEC

Robert Fischer, President, Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA) and Chief Operator, City of Montpelier

Marty Frizzell, Chief Operator, Town of Brighton

Wayne Graham, Vermont Rural Water Association

James Jutras, Chief Operator, Village of Essex Junction

David Kost, Chief Operator, IBM Corporation

Chris Robinson, Chief Operator, Town of Shelburne

Roger Thieken, Technical Director, Rock-Tenn Company

Randy Thompson, Chief Operator, Ben & Jerry's, Waterbury

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

All active wastewater operators;

All individuals listed as interested parties for the certification program;

All municipalities with wastewater treatment facilities;

All industries permitted and required to employ certified operators;

All businesses, consulting firms, and individuals providing contracted services to a permitted facility required to be operated by certified operators;

Organizations (interested parties) include: Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA), Vermont Rural Water Association (VRWA), New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA), New England Water Works Association (NEWWA), Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), Earth Water Specialists (EWS), Granite State Rural Water Association (GSRWA), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES), New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NY DEC), Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP)

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