

1 Sec. 39. TRANSITION; WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT CONTROL
2 FACILITIES

3 (a) Notwithstanding any conflict with this act, the Department is authorized to
4 continue to award assistance under the Municipal Pollution Control Priority System
5 Rule, adopted August 1, 2014, until new rules are adopted to implement this act
6 pursuant to 10 V.S.A. 1628. Until such new rules are adopted, the Department shall
7 award grants pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

8 (b) When the Department finds that a proposed water pollution abatement and
9 control facility is necessary to maintain or achieve compliance with the Vermont
10 Water Quality Standards, that the proposed type, kind, quality, size, and estimated
11 cost of the project, including operation cost and sewage disposal charges, are suitable
12 for abatement of pollution, and that the project or the prescribed project phases are
13 necessary to meet the intent of the water quality classifications established by the
14 Secretary or by statute under chapter 47 of this title, the Department may award State
15 financial assistance to the project as follows:

16 (1) combined sewer separation facilities and combined sewer overflow
17 abatement projects shall be eligible for a grant of 25 percent of the eligible project
18 costs,

19 (2) projects to abate dry weather sewage flows shall be eligible for a grant of up
20 to 25 percent of the eligible project costs, except that any municipality having
21 proceeded with construction of facilities with a State grant of 25 percent since July 1,
22 1984 shall be eligible for an increase in the state grant to a total of 35 percent of the
23 eligible project costs, and

24 (3) a project to construct, enlarge, or refurbish a wastewater treatment plant
25 with a design hydraulic capacity of 250,000 or more gallons per day shall be eligible
26 for a grant of up to 50 percent of the cost of that portion of the plant used to treat

1 septage, or septage and sludge in combination, if the Commissioner of Environmental
2 Conservation finds that the proposed plant capacity will be sufficient to receive, treat,
3 and dispose of septage alone in a quantity equivalent to the ration of 4,000 gallons or
4 more of such septage per day for each 1,000,000 gallons per day of plant design
5 hydraulic capacity. The portion of the plant used for processing septage, or septage
6 and sludge in combination, shall include facilities for receiving septage and for the
7 storage, treatment, transfer, and disposal of both septage and sludge.

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