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Subject: amended isolation distance language suggested for inclusion in H.25

Below is revised isolation distance language for the Committee's consideration in regards to H.25 cemeteries and natural burial grounds.

In order to prevent the washing away of caskets/human remains during flood events such as VT experienced during Tropical Storm Irene, DEC recommends including a siting requirement that would keep burial boundaries of new/expanded cemeteries and natural burial grounds outside of river corridors.

DEC RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO H.25 (2/11/2015):

Sec. X. § 5324 Siting Requirements

(a) The burial boundaries of a new or expanded cemetery or natural burial ground shall be located:

(1) no less than 200 feet up gradient of a drilled bedrock well or a drilled well in a confined aquifer that is part of an exempt or permitted potable water supply or a transient non-community public water system source;

(2) no less than 500 feet up gradient from any other groundwater source that is part of an exempt or permitted potable water supply or a transient non-community public water system;

(3) no less than 150 feet cross or down gradient from any groundwater source that is part of an exempt or permitted potable water supply or transient non-community public water system;

(4) outside zone one or two of the source protection area for an existing or permitted public community water system;

(5) outside the source protection area for an existing or permitted non-transient

non-community public water system and

(6) outside a river corridor as defined in 10 V.S.A. Sec. 1422(12) and delineated by the Agency of Natural Resources in accordance with river corridor protection procedures.

Please let me know if you have any questions!
Sincerely,
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