

1 Sec. X. 6 V.S.A. § 4817 is added to read:

2 § 4817. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN; REPORTING

3 (a) Submission of plans. Annually, an owner or operator of a large farm,
4 medium farm, or small farm subject to small farm certification shall submit to
5 the Secretary a digital or electronic copy of the nutrient management plan
6 required under this chapter. A nutrient management plan submitted by an
7 owner or operator of a farm under this subsection shall identify the known
8 location of outfalls of subsurface tile drainage installed on the farm.

9 (b) Public inspection. A nutrient management plan submitted to the
10 Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets under this section shall be
11 available for inspection and copying by the public upon request in a form that
12 does not disclose the identity of the individual persons, households, or
13 businesses who submitted the plan, provided that the Secretary may allow a
14 university or qualified research organization working in cooperation with the
15 Secretary to inspect and copy the entire contents of a submitted plan for the
16 purposes of research regarding agricultural land, farming, or conservation
17 practices.