

1 H.843  
2 Introduced by Representative North of Ferrisburgh  
3 Referred to Committee on  
4 Date:  
5 Subject: Conservation and development; wastewater; monitoring; pesticides;  
6 pharmaceuticals  
7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a  
8 municipal pollution abatement facility to monitor for pesticides and  
9 pharmaceuticals in discharges from the facility.

10 An act relating to monitoring of municipal wastewater discharges  
11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:  
12 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1263 is amended to read:  
13 § 1263. DISCHARGE PERMITS  
14 (a) Any person who intends to discharge waste into the waters of the State  
15 or who intends to discharge into an injection well or who intends to discharge  
16 into any publicly owned treatment works any waste that interferes with, passes  
17 through without treatment, or is otherwise incompatible with that works or  
18 would have a substantial adverse effect on that works or on water quality, or is  
19 required to apply for a CAFO permit, shall make application to the Secretary  
20 for a discharge permit. Application shall be made on a form prescribed by the

1       Secretary. An applicant shall pay an application fee in accordance with  
2       3 V.S.A. § 2822.

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4 (d) A discharge permit shall:

14 The Secretary may require a laboratory quality assurance sample program to  
15 ensure qualifications of laboratory analysts. As used in this subsection,  
16 “pollution abatement facility” has the same meaning as “water pollution  
17 abatement and control facility” under section 1571 of this title.

18 (3) Contain an operation, management, and emergency response plan  
19 when required under section 1278 of this title and additional conditions,  
20 requirements, and restrictions as the Secretary deems necessary to preserve and  
21 protect the quality of the receiving waters, including requirements concerning

1 recording, reporting, monitoring, and inspection of the operation and  
2 maintenance of waste treatment facilities and waste collection systems. A  
3 discharge permit for a pollution abatement facility shall include requirements  
4 for the monitoring of the discharge from the facility, including monitoring  
5 requirements for pesticides and pharmaceuticals. Annually, on or before  
6 January 15, the Secretary shall develop a list of the pesticides and  
7 pharmaceuticals most commonly used in the State in the preceding calendar  
8 year. Upon completion of the lists, the Secretary shall require pollution  
9 abatement facilities in the State to monitor for the top 80 percent of pesticides  
10 used in the State and the top 80 percent of pharmaceuticals used in the State.

11 (4) Be valid for the period of time specified therein, not to exceed five  
12 years.

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14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.