

S.29 (of 2025) Suggested Bill Edits
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Comment/Edit: As we have testified, VTrans is seeking to confirm that the bill will exclude “Transportation Infrastructure Construction Projects” and related summer dust suppression from data collection where the terms “Apply Salt or Application of Salt” are used.

Given the definition of “Apply Salt or Application of Salt”, which specifically excludes “Transportation Infrastructure Construction Projects” as defined in the bill, we are specifically seeking confirmation that the language on Page 5 lines 1 thru 10 extends this exemption to “Transportation Infrastructure Construction Projects”.

If the current language does not reflect this exemption, we respectfully request it be included to apply to language on Page 5 lines 1-10.

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1 (1) determine the amount of salt annually imported into the State;
2 (2) estimate the average amount of salt applied annually for the years
3 2015 through 2025 from:
4 (A) each winter road management season between October and
5 April; and
6 (B) salt solutions applied by the State, municipalities, and private
7 contractors for summer dust suppression;
8 (3) determine the amount of salt annually applied in the State using a
9 public accounting method established by the Secretary to assess salt purchases
10 and applications within Vermont;

We are also requesting the definition of “Apply Salt or Application of Salt” be modified as follows (edits are in underlined in red text):

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12 (1) “Apply salt” or “application of salt” means to apply salt or a salt
13 alternative to roadways, parking lots, or sidewalks for the purpose of winter
14 maintenance or for perpetual summer dust control. “Apply salt” or “application of salt”
15 does not mean the application of salt to a transportation infrastructure
16 construction project (add) including dust suppression for said transportation
infrastructure construction project.