
ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



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“Approval for Operation” Requirements for Subsurface Disposal Systems

Inspections

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is required by RSA 485-A:29 to inspect all newly constructed subsurface disposal systems within seven business days after receipt of a written request for inspection from the installer of the system, or owner of a homeowner-installed system.

Inspections are made to ensure that the subsurface disposal systems are installed in strict accordance with plans approved for construction by the DES Subsurface Systems Bureau.

The inspection process includes steps to verify that the proper materials have been used in the construction of the system and to ensure that the design intent has been met. Additionally, the DES inspector will make observations as to the distance from the system to seasonal high water, wetlands, and surface waters.

Once the inspector determines that the system meets all of the requirements of RSA 485-A, a written “Approval for Operation” will be completed. Copies of the Approval for Operation are provided to the owner, the town in which the system is located, and the State of New Hampshire.

Requests

Requests for inspection of approved construction may be made by calling the appropriate DES field office, the locations of which are listed on the back. Any request made by telephone should be supplemented by a written request.

Subsurface Regional Offices

Region 1

Frederick Treiss
80 Glen Road
Gorham, NH 03581
(603) 466-5379
FAX (603) 466-5148

Region 3

Brenda Hayward
PO Box 628
Riverbend Professional Bldg.
Alton, NH 03810-0628
(603) 524-7730
FAX (603) 875-7731

Region 4

PO Box 95, 29 Hazen Drive
(603) 271-2913
FAX (603) 271-6683
Grantham, NH 03753

Region 5

Lenard Raposa
PO Box 95, 29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0095
(603) 271-2916
FAX (603) 271-6683

Region 6

James Berg
Sawyers Brook Plaza, Unit 7
PO Box 1283
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(603) 863-3266
FAX (603) 863-0257

Region 7

Jay Baas
360 Corporate Drive, Suite 2
Portsmouth, NH 03801
(603) 431-8141
FAX (603) 430-2142

Region 8

Real Mongeau
PO Box 95
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0095
(603) 271-2182
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Region 9

Douglas Smith
50 Northwestern Drive
Building A Unit 108
Salem, NH 03079
(603) 893-3637
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For Further Information

If you have any questions concerning septic systems, contact DES Subsurface at (603) 271-3501, or PO Box 95 - 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302-0095; (603) 271-3711; Fax: (603) 271-6683; <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/ssb/index.htm> .