



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



May 26, 2000

Re: Point of Entry Water Treatment Devices
Wastewater Discharges
Proposed General Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regard to the discharge of wastewater from "Point of Entry Water Treatment (POEWT) Devices". Such discharges, including but not limited to backwash from water softener and iron removal systems, require a Water Discharge Permit from the State of Connecticut.

In recognition of the numerous existing and future locations requiring a permit, this Department is in the process of developing a "general permit" with statewide application. Under this program, all sites would be authorized to discharge POEWT wastewaters provided they conform with standard installation and discharge requirements to be specified in the general permit. Discharges to surface water would not be authorized. Discharges to sanitary sewer would be required to meet local ordinances. A separate dedicated leaching system would be required for discharges to groundwater. Other options include the use of filter cartridges which are periodically removed by a vendor, thereby eliminating the need for a discharge. The draft specifications and operating conditions for the general permit are attached.

Once a final draft of the General Permit is available, the DEP will provide public notice and conduct a hearing. Until such time as the final permit is issued, dischargers of POEWT wastewaters to groundwater should use the attached specifications as guidance as they are intended to be protective of the waters of the state. Please consult with your local health department or private consultant should you have any reason to suspect that the discharge of POEWT wastewaters from a particular site may cause or threaten pollution.

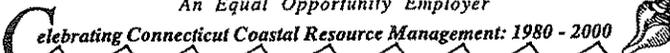
Sincerely,

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