

**WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND POTABLE WATER SUPPLY  
INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE (I/A) TECHNOLOGY  
GENERAL USE APPROVAL****LAWS/REGULATIONS INVOLVED**10 V.S.A. Chapter 64, Potable Water Supply and Wastewater System Permit  
Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules, Effective November 6, 2023

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This permit is for the following gravelless pipe distribution I/A technology models:

| Product Name                 | Model Number(s) | Design Flow (gpd) |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| GeoMat™ Flat Leaching System | 600             | see Design Manual |
| GeoMat™ Flat Leaching System | 1200            | see Design Manual |
| GeoMat™ Flat Leaching System | 3900            | see Design Manual |

The technologies listed in this I/A Approval are used to receive and discharge low-strength effluent into the native soil as part of a soil-based wastewater disposal system. The technologies, consisting of a subsurface, gravelless pipe distribution system, are hereby approved under the requirements of the regulations named above subject to the following conditions.

**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 The technologies listed in this I/A Approval may be used as part of a soil-based wastewater system, subject to the jurisdiction of, and permitted pursuant to, the referenced Rules, provided the conditions of this I/A Approval are met.
- 1.2 Failure by the I/A Approval Recipient to comply with these conditions is grounds for the Secretary to revoke, or to decline to renew, this I/A Approval.
- 1.3 This I/A Approval shall expire on **May 1, 2027**. Applications for renewal of this I/A Approval shall be submitted to the Division by March 1, 2027, to avoid a lapse in approval. The renewal request shall be submitted on a form prepared by the Secretary and shall include: a description of any changes to the equipment, technical specifications and drawings, installation requirements, and operation and maintenance manuals.
- 1.4 No changes shall be made to the approved technology without prior review and approval by the Secretary.
- 1.5 This I/A Approval is based on the design, operation, and maintenance manuals submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary. Misrepresentation in the application material is grounds for the Secretary to revoke this I/A Approval.
- 1.6 If the Rules are revised during the effective term of this I/A Approval, it shall be revised as needed to conform to the revisions.



- 1.7 Site-specific permission for the use of this technology is required in the form of a Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit (WW Permit).
- 1.8 This I/A Approval is not a representation or guarantee of the effectiveness, efficiency, or operation of the approved technology.
- 1.9 This I/A Approval is limited to treating septic tank effluent that is characterized as low strength according to §1-805(b) of the Rules.
- 1.10 This I/A Approval is based on information submitted by the Applicant indicating that the technology will effectively distribute and treat the effluent.
- 1.11 Upon issuance of a site-specific WW Permit, each corresponding Vermont landowner in interest shall be shown a copy of this Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Innovative and Alternative (I/A) Technology General Use Approval, the Operation and Maintenance manuals, and projected maintenance costs, prior to the installation of any permitted unit.
- 1.12 All components of the technology shall be warrantied for at least the first two (2) years following the commencement of use of the technology unit. The I/A Approval Recipient shall have an inventory of replacement parts available locally or available for delivery within 24 hours.
- 1.13 All conditions set forth in WW Permits that include the use of the approved technology shall remain in effect and may surpass the conditions set herein.
- 1.14 A WW Permit that approves the use of a technology approved by this I/A Approval remains valid for the use of the technology identified in the WW Permit even if this I/A Approval expires.

## 2. DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approval of this I/A technology is based on the following documents submitted by the Applicant:

| Title  | Submission Date | Revision   |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| <b>VT-ANR Innovative and Alternative Technology Approval Renewal Application</b>       | 02/26/2025      | -          |
| <b>VT GeoMat™ Leaching Systems Design Manual for Pressure and Gravity Applications</b> | 09/12/2022      | 03/01/2023 |

- 2.2 Use of the I/A technology in any way not depicted or described in the referenced documents, or otherwise not identified and authorized by this I/A Approval, is not allowed without prior approval by the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division.

## 3. VERMONT INSPECTION AND DIAGNOSTIC PROFESSIONALS

- 3.1 The I/A Approval Recipient shall contract with and maintain a minimum of three Inspection and Diagnostic Professionals (Vermont I/D Professional) for the State of Vermont to perform the inspections, maintenance, and repairs required by this I/A Approval and by the conditions of the associated WW Permit. The Vermont I/D Professionals must be based in Vermont or in a neighboring state or province, and be ready and willing to provide service to all the installed technologies in Vermont, regardless of where in Vermont a unit is located.
- 3.2 The I/A Approval Recipient shall provide the Secretary with the names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of three or more Vermont I/D Professionals, prior to the Division issuing a WW Permit for use of the technology.
- 3.3 The I/A Approval Recipient shall maintain with the Secretary the names and contact information for all Vermont I/D Professionals, and shall notify the Secretary within 30 days after the removal of an existing, or the addition of a new, Vermont I/D Professional. Failure to maintain a minimum of three Vermont I/D Professionals will result in the Secretary prohibiting the issuance of a WW Permit with the approved technology.

- 3.4 The I/A Approval Recipient shall provide training to each Vermont I/D Professional for the proper installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of each approved technology.
- 3.5 Vermont I/D Professionals must follow the terms and conditions of this I/A Approval, and the associated WW Permits, for inspection, maintenance, and reporting requirements.
- 3.6 Maintenance and inspections of the approved technology must be performed by a Vermont I/D Professional trained and authorized by the I/A Approval Recipient. Reports of such inspections shall be provided to the I/A Approval Recipient, landowner, and Division in a timely manner so that they can ensure that the corresponding conditions of the I/A Approval and WW Permit are met.
- 3.7 Maintenance and inspections performed by Vermont I/D Professionals shall be in accordance with the operation and maintenance manual submitted as part of the I/A Approval application, as provided in trainings by the I/A Approval Recipient, and as specified in the WW Permits issued by this Division.

#### **4. REPORTS**

- 4.1 The I/A Approval Recipient shall submit electronically, by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, an annual report to the Division containing the following information for the previous 12-month period ending December 31<sup>st</sup>:
  - A. the entities who are distributing the permitted technology in the State of Vermont;
  - B. an analysis of all sites that were deemed to have a performance issue involving the technology including, but not limited to, premature failure of the system and include:
    - i. the corresponding WW Permit number;
    - ii. the property's SPAN number;
    - iii. the name of the installer;
    - iv. the name of the Vermont-licensed Designer who was involved in the determination that there was a performance issue with the system;
    - v. the name of the Vermont-licensed Designer who provided the installation certification;
    - vi. the date installed;
    - vii. the date a performance issue was determined to exist;
    - viii. a description of the performance issue;
    - ix. potential/known causes of the performance issue;
    - x. a listing of the required repair/remediation; and
    - xi. identification of changes to the technology specification.
- 4.2 The I/A Approval Recipient shall ensure that the Vermont I/D Professionals for each of the permitted systems utilizing this technology installed in Vermont are submitting to the Division the following reports:
  - A. an inspection report of the I/A technology for those systems with a WW Permit which contains a requirement for an inspection.
- 4.3 Maintenance and inspections reports shall be submitted on the Secretary-approved inspection report form and be signed and dated by the Vermont I/D Professional.
- 4.4 Inspection reports by the Vermont I/D Professionals shall include, but not be limited to, a summary of all known problems, defects, damages, and/or failures of the technology to comply with this approval and operating requirements for the technology, including:
  - A. a description of any problems, defects, damages, and/or failures;
  - B. potential/known causes of any problems, defects, damages, and/or failures;

- C. a statement of system operability including whether or not the technology is operating in compliance with this approval and operating specifications following repairs or corrections of any problems, defects, damages, and/or failures;
  - D. a listing of the required repair/remediation;
  - E. identification of changes to the technology specifications; and
  - F. any observed failure of the wastewater system including wastewater exposed to the open air, wastewater pooling on the surface of the ground, wastewater discharging directly to surface water, or wastewater backing up into the building or structure.
- 4.5 Problems, damages, and/or failures of the technology identified during an inspection per Condition 4.3 of this I/A Approval must be reported immediately by the Vermont I/D Professional to the landowner, and within 30 days to this Division.
- 4.6 Maintenance and inspections shall be performed in accordance with the permitted operation and maintenance manual that are specified in the WW Permits issued by this Division.

## 5. DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

- 5.1 The design of a wastewater system using the approved technology shall identify the specific approved model and shall not be replaced with any other model without an amendment to the WW Permit.
- 5.2 Technologies shall be equipped with anti-flotation devices. The I/A Approval Recipient may specify whether or not the anti-flotation devices are required if a designer demonstrates flotation will not occur, or if the designer proposes, in a WW Permit application for the use of the technology, an alternative method to stabilize the technology that complies with the I/A Approval Recipient's requirements for installation.
- 5.3 Technology model choice and sizing shall be in accordance with the I/A Approval Recipient's technical requirements, as approved by the Secretary in this I/A Approval. Sizing of each unit shall be based on the calculated design flow per §1-803 of the Rules and as specified in the minimum requirements described in the subject Design Manual.

## 6. INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS

- 6.1 The approved technology shall be installed under the guidance of a Vermont-licensed Designer.
- 6.2 The installation of each technology shall be in accordance with the I/A Approval Recipient's technical requirements, as approved by the Secretary.

Any person aggrieved by this I/A Approval may appeal to the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of issuance of this permit in accordance with 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220 and the Vermont Rules of Environmental Court Proceedings.

Julia S. Moore, Secretary  
Agency of Natural Resources

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Dated at Rutland, Vermont this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025