

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division**

Wastewater Program Guidance Document #2023-002-R1 – Replacement Area Fee Exemption

Topic: Wastewater and Potable Water Supply Permit Fees

Statute: Title 3 Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 2822 (3 VSA 2822)

Rules: Environmental Protection Rule, Chapter 1, Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules;
Effective November 6, 2023 (10 V.S.A Chapter 64)

Fee Clarification:

Effective immediately, the design flow for wastewater replacement areas and replacement potable water source locations will not be included in the total project design flow to determine the Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply (WW) Permit application fee according to the attached fee schedule. Design flows for replacement wastewater systems and potable water supplies will be included when calculating the total project design flows for the purpose of determining fees.

Background:

Permit fees are established in statute by the State of Vermont’s legislature. The Regional Office Program of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division has been implementing the fee structure described in 3 VSA 2822, subsection (4), since it became effective on July 1, 2015. The fees for application for a WW permit, RO-1 through RO-5 (attached) are based on project wastewater system and potable water supply design flows.

This guidance document supersedes the following documents:

- Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit Application Fee Guidance, dated 6/8/2016, last revised on August 23, 2023
- [Wastewater Program] Guidance Document 2020-2

Signed: _____

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APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE

**For permit applications subject to 10 V.S.A Chapter 64
 Effective 7/1/2015**

WW Permit Application Fees for Construction of a Building/Structure, Potable Water Supply, and/or Wastewater System, and/or for the Subdivision of Land		
(*Use higher of the water or wastewater flows if they are different.)		
Design flow for the potable water supply and/or wastewater system*	Fee Category	Fee (per application)
560 gpd or less	RO1	\$306.25
Greater than 560 gpd and less than or equal to 2,000 gpd	RO2	\$870.00
Greater than 2,000 gpd and less than or equal to 6,500 gpd	RO3	\$3,000.00
Greater than 6,500 gpd and less than or equal to 10,000 gpd	RO4	\$7,500.00
Greater than 10,000 gpd	RO5	\$13,500.00

Special Fee Categories		
Special Category	Fee Category	Fee (per application)
Permit Amendment Due to a Program Error	ROFE	\$0.00
Permit for a Municipal Project	ROFEM	\$0.00
Permit for an Exempt State Project	ROFES	\$0.00
Minor Amendment	ROMA	\$150.00
Minor Project	ROMP	\$270.00
Permit for a Project located in a designated Vermont Neighborhood	ROVN	\$50.00

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Fees are based on the design flow of the buildings either the water or wastewater whichever is the higher amount, not the number of systems serving the building. When totaling design flows as a basis for determining the application fee to a project, only wastewater systems and water supplies should be counted. **Design flows for replacement areas for wastewater replacement areas and replacement water source locations should not be counted.**

1. Subdivisions –
 - a. Building on original lot and new building on the new lots:
 - Fee based on flows from each new building on each new lot.
 - b. Building on original lot and other lots Subject to Notice of Permit Requirements:
 - i. Fee based on this being a minor project.
 - ii. Unless a replacement water supply or wastewater system is proposed.
 - Fee based on flow from existing buildings.
 - c. New buildings on each lot:
 - Fee based on flows from each building on each lot.
2. Construction of an additional building on an existing lot:
 - a. If the new building has its own water supply and wastewater systems:
 - Fee based on the new building flow.
 - b. If new building connects to existing water supply and or wastewater system:
 - Fee Based on total flow from all connected buildings existing and proposed.
 - c. If existing building and new building connect to a new shared water supply and or new wastewater system:
 - Fee based on total flow from all connected buildings.
3. Application for the design of a replacement system to build in the future:
 - Fee based on existing building flow.

Note: Replacement areas are not required if existing or proposed wastewater systems are mounds, a bottomless sand filter, the inground system is over sized at 150% or if the new boundary line for a subdivision is over 500 feet from an existing wastewater system.