

## **Notice of Presumptive Isolation Zones Due to Record Drawings (Notification Form 3)**

To \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

The Regional Offices of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) issued to me a permit, identified above, to construct a new potable water supply and/or wastewater system on my lot. After installation of my new potable water supply (well) and/or wastewater system (septic system), it was determined the well and/or septic system were not installed in the location shown on my site plan approved in my permit. My permit allows some deviation in location.

My record drawing, which I am providing you with this letter, shows the location of the installed potable water supply source (the well) and/or components of the installed wastewater system (the septic system). You will see “presumptive isolation zones” drawn around the installed well and/or drawn around the installed septic system. A presumptive isolation zone is an area that, when drawn around a well, shows where a leachfield, with a design capacity of less than 2000 gallons per day, cannot be located under the Rules and, when drawn around components of a septic system (the leachfield or septic tank or other tanks that are part of the septic system), shows where a well, with a design capacity of 2 gallons per minute or less, cannot be located under the Rules. These presumptive zones are established by the Department to protect drinking water quality and human health by preventing a septic system from being built too close to a well, and preventing a well from being built too close to a septic system.

The Rules requires that I mail you this letter and my record drawing when, during the course of installation of my well and/or septic tank, their location deviates from what is shown on the site plan approved in my permit and a presumptive isolation zone extends onto your property.

The Department also requires that I inform you of the following:

1. The Legislature created the notification requirement so that when a presumptive isolation zone extends onto a neighboring property, neighbors have the opportunity to discuss, and potentially resolve, conflicts that may exist due to the location of a well or a septic system. You were mailed this notice so you may consider having those discussions with me.
2. Notification requirement did not start until 2010 and the state permit program began in 1969. It is possible there are presumptive isolation distances around existing wells or septic systems that extend onto your property or that the presumptive isolation zones for your own well or septic system extend your neighbor’s property.
3. Neither the legislature nor the Rules authorize or require the Department to deny a permit application when presumptive isolation zones extend onto your property.

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4. You may construct houses, garages, and driveways within the presumptive isolation zones.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss.

You can also contact the Regional Office identified below if you have specific questions about the Rules that this letter does not address.

Sincerely,

Permittee Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Permittee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Permittee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Permittee \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Office which is reviewing my application (check appropriate Office):

- Essex Junction – Phone 802-879-5656
- Montpelier – Phone 802-828-5034
- Rutland – Phone 802-786-5900
- Saint Johnsbury – Phone 802-751-0130
- Springfield – Phone 802-289-0603

Enclosed: Record drawings that I submitted to the Regional Office and that accurately depicts the presumptive isolation zone(s)

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