

Good morning,

I attended the meeting yesterday afternoon at ECHO. I want to thank you for the efforts to get and keep the public involved in this very important endeavor. I am an avid fisherman and am on Lake Champlain over 100 days a year and I have seen the issues get more common and more severe in the past five years. I have also seen the attention level raised greatly which is a good thing.

There was no mention of the role or impact of failing, inefficient, or insufficient septic systems in homes and, more likely, camps, along the shore of the lake and its tributaries. Not only septic systems, but drainage that "straightpipes" to the lake. You only have to go around the most damaged bays to see examples of what I am referring to. Is the impact so insignificant as to be accepted? Or are they included in one of the other categories?

Thank you for your time.

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