

December 13, 2018

Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC  
9025 Centre Pointe Drive, Suite 400  
West Chester, OH 45069  
Attn: Derek M. Berg

RE: Contech StormFilter® with PhosphoSorb® Media  
Alternative Stormwater Treatment Practice - Request for Approval

Dear Mr. Berg:

The Stormwater Program has reviewed the Contech Engineered Solutions StormFilter® with PhosphoSorb® media as an alternative stormwater treatment practice through the evaluation process in Section 4.4.1 of the 2017 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual (VSMM).

Based on our review, we believe that Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC has provided the Stormwater Program with testing data showing that the system provides total phosphorus and total suspended solids removal efficiency sufficient to meet or exceed the standards in the Vermont Stormwater Management Manual as a stand-alone Tier 2 Practice.

Please be advised that this letter serves as preliminary approval and does not constitute a final act or decision of the Secretary. Final approval of the use of StormFilter® with PhosphoSorb® media, or other alternative practice, is project specific and is necessarily done through the issuance of an operational stormwater permit, until such time that the Vermont Stormwater Management Manual is formally revised to include the practice.

In developing permit conditions for any project relying on the StormFilter® with PhosphoSorb® media, the Stormwater Program is likely to include the following permit conditions and application requirements:

- 1) The StormFilter® with PhosphoSorb® media must be designed, assembled, installed, operated, and maintained according to the specifications of Contech Engineered Solutions, Inc.
- 2) The system must be designed to accommodate 100% treatment of the requisite water quality volume through sizing for the peak rate of the water quality storm without bypass.
- 3) The system must be designed with pre-treatment, which may include acceptable pre-treatment practices in the 2017 VSMM or an approved alternative stormwater pre-treatment practice under the 2017 VSMM.

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Preliminary Approval: StormFilter® with PhosphoSorb® Media

As part of this preliminary approval, the product will be listed on the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Alternative Practices website at <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/Alt-STPs>.

Until such a time that the practice is incorporated into the VSMM through rulemaking, projects utilizing the practice that are subject to operational stormwater permitting require an individual permit application.

If local jurisdictions or other parties request a copy of a letter from VT DEC verifying preliminary practice approval, please use this letter for that purpose.

Thank you for your interest in providing alternatives to the stormwater design community in Vermont. If you have any questions concerning this preliminary approval, please contact the Stormwater Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "B".

Kevin Burke, Environmental Analyst  
Vermont DEC – Stormwater Program