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### Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

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Onsite regulations for New Jersey were last updated on January 26, 2005 and are expected to expire on January 26, 2010. These regulations are currently not under review and there are no plans to review the code until 2010.

New Jersey State Code is not performance based for the selection of any (or all) technologies. Currently, the circumstances that would allow for technology usage outside of what the code allows is so variable there is no specific protocol. That is what the rule proposal is intended to correct. For the time being, anyone interested in other technologies needs to talk to their local health department (because they issue the final construction approvals) and the State Program (the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control). New Jersey's code does not restrict the use of technology for correcting malfunctioning systems. The overriding condition is that the malfunction is fixed and the system is brought into closer conformance with the code. New Jersey Code does not require management programs or districts to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual septic dispersal systems. Although they are not required by the State of New Jersey at this time, if the local municipalities are interested it is done on a voluntary basis. There are no plans to have state mandated programs. For information on current management programs in the State, please contact the following:

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The State of New Jersey does not require onsite wastewater professionals to be certified. Regular inspections are not required for investigating the performance and operation of onsite systems after initial construction. If a homeowner requests an inspection, some health departments will perform some types of inspections for a fee. Usually if a homeowner wants their system inspected, he/she needs to contact a private inspector, and there is a fee involved. The State of New Jersey requires a percolation test or soil characterization as part of the site evaluation. New Jersey's code requires that soils be evaluated and limiting zones be identified during the site evaluation process. This includes soil logs, identification of soil mottling to determine seasonal high water table, and determination of soil permeability using one of the test methods listed in our code. All of these steps must be performed/supervised by a New Jersey Licensed Professional Engineer.

Permits are issued for the construction, repair and upgrade of existing systems. The state does not, however, keep track of issued permits. Different permits are required for alternative systems since these technologies are not incorporated in the regulations; a Treatment Works Approval from the State is required for the health departments to approve a design that incorporates these technologies.

In the State of New Jersey, monies from State Revolving Funds (SRF) can be used to assist individual homeowners to:

- repair a failing or malfunctioning system;
- replacement of failing or malfunctioning system; or
- new construction of an onsite wastewater treatment system.

For new construction, funding can only be used as the corrective measure for failing systems. This is also dependent upon the existence of a management program because the loan has to go to a local governmental unit. There is no specific contact regarding the use of SRF Funding because the application must go through the local management entity, if it exists.

Currently, there are no training programs, onsite demonstration, research, or testing projects in the State of New Jersey.