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POLICY ON PROLIFERATION OF WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS

To avoid costly errors through the construction of a multiplicity of waste treatment plants in conflict with area-wide or basin-wide concepts of pollution control, a clear declaration of policy is necessary.

It is the policy of the State of Vermont, Department of Water Resources to:

1. Promote the use of unified sewage collection systems serving contiguous areas.
2. Require connection of developing areas to existing treatment plants wherever such action is fully feasible and clearly in the public interest.
3. Prohibit construction of sewage treatment facilities not designed in accordance with an acceptable area-wide plan approved by the Department of Water Resources.
4. Discourage proliferation of small sewage treatment plants in contiguous areas and encourage abandonment of multiple plants in favor of joint treatment where technically feasible and economically desirable.
5. Disapprove use of state planning and construction grant monies for design and construction of treatment plants not in conformity with a plan acceptable to the Department of Water Resources.

6. Encourage joint treatment of municipal and industrial wastes where physically and economically practical.
7. Oppose the reclassification of State waters for the purpose of establishing a safety zone for discharges that are contrary to the policies stated above.
8. Require non-municipal owners of sewage treatment plants to prove to this Department that suitable long-term institutional and financial arrangements to exist to guarantee proper operation, repair, and maintenance for the life of the entire collection and treatment system.

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