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15A NCAC 02T .0403 PERMITTING BY REGULATION

(a) Collection systems having an actual, permitted or Division approved average daily flow less than 200,000 gallons per day are deemed permitted pursuant to Rule .0113 of this Subchapter provided the system meets the criteria in Rule .0113 of this Subchapter and all specific criteria required in this Rule:

- (1) The sewer system is effectively maintained and operated at all times to prevent discharge to land or surface waters, and to prevent any contravention of groundwater standards or surface water standards.
- (2) A map of the sewer system has been developed and is actively maintained.
- (3) An operation and maintenance plan including pump station inspection frequency, preventative maintenance schedule, spare parts inventory, and overflow response has been developed and implemented.
- (4) Pump stations that are not connected to a telemetry system (i.e., remote alarm system) are inspected by the permittee or its representative every day (i.e., 365 days per year). Pump stations that are connected to a telemetry system are inspected at least once per week.
- (5) High-priority sewers are inspected by the permittee or its representative at least once every six-months and inspections are documented.
- (6) A general observation by the permittee or its representative of the entire sewer system is conducted at least once per year.
- (7) **Overflows and bypasses are reported to the appropriate Division regional office in accordance with 15A NCAC 02B .0506(a), and public notice is provided as required by G.S. 143-215.1C. (See details below)**
- (8) A Grease Control Program is in place as follows:
 - (A) For publicly owned collection systems, the Grease Control Program shall include at least biannual distribution of educational materials for both commercial and residential users and the legal means to require grease interceptors for new construction and retrofit, if necessary, of grease interceptors at existing establishments. The plan shall also include legal means for inspections of the grease interceptors, enforcement for violators and the legal means to control grease entering the system from other public and private satellite sewer systems.
 - (B) For privately owned collection systems, the Grease Control Program shall include at least biannual distribution of grease education materials to users of the collection system by the permittee or its representative.
 - (C) Grease education materials shall be distributed more often than required in Parts (A) and (B) of this Subparagraph if necessary to prevent grease-related sanitary sewer overflows.

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(9) Right-of-ways and easements are maintained in the full easement width for personnel and equipment accessibility.

(10) Documentation shall be kept for Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this Rule for a minimum of three years with exception of the map, which shall be maintained for the life of the system.

(b) Private collection systems on a single property serving an industrial facility where the domestic wastewater contribution is less than 200,000 gallons per day shall be deemed permitted.

(c) The Director may determine that a collection system should not be deemed to be permitted in accordance with this Rule and Rule .0113 of this Subchapter. This determination shall be made in accordance with Rule .0113(e) of this Subchapter.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143-215.1(a); 143-215.3(a); 143-215.9B; Eff. September 1, 2006.

15A NCAC 02T .0404 MULTIPLE COLLECTION SYSTEMS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP

If a public entity owns multiple but separate collection systems (i.e., tributary to separate plants) and any one is subject to an individual permit, all collection systems shall be covered under one permit. This shall not be applicable to public utilities authorized to operate by the North Carolina Utilities Commission who own several individual systems within the state.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143-215.1(a); 143-215.3(a); 143-215.9B; Eff. September 1, 2006.

15A NCAC 02T .0405 IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Permit applications for the initial issuance of a collection system permit shall be completed and submitted to the Division within 60 days of the collection system owner's certified mail receipt of the Division's request for application submittal. Permit renewal requests shall be submitted to the Director at least 180 days prior to expiration, unless the permit has been revoked in accordance with 15A NCAC 02T .0110. All applications must be submitted in duplicate, completed on official forms, and fully executed.

(b) Collection systems subject to an individual permit shall comply with the standards in Rule .0403 of this Section until such time as their individual permit is issued.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143-215.1(a); 143-215.3(a); 143-215.9B; Eff. September 1, 2006.

As per 15A NCAC 02T .0403 (a)(7) Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) must be reported to a person (voice mail does not fulfill the requirement) within 24 hours

Therefore, to report SSOs during normal business hours please call the Mooresville Regional Office of DWQ at (704) 663-1699.

You may report SSOs after business hours to the NC Emergency Management Call Center at (800) 858-0368.