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Wastewater Treatment Standards  
Individual Household Systems  
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As of March 2006, regulations for the State of New York were under revision. Revisions are to include new technologies ( i.e., ATUs, gravelless systems, tire chip aggregate, etc.). No effective date has been reported.

Performance based codes are not followed in New York for the selection of any technologies. A technology not listed in code may be allowed on a case by base basis through the issuance of a specific waiver. These are issued by county health departments.

Management programs/contracts are not recognized by New York code to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual septic disposal systems. However, in the new code revisions, ATUs, peat filters, etc., must be installed under an RME. There are no existing management programs currently in operation in the State of New York.

New York does require onsite professionals to be certified. Design professionals must be either a Professional Engineer or Registered Architect and must be licensed by the State Education Department. The Design Engineer or county/district health departments are responsible for conducting site evaluations prior to the installation of an onsite system.

One test pit and two percolation tests per lot are required as part of the site evaluation. The Design Professional will perform the soil evaluation, and the county/district health department may verify depending on the area. The State of New York is broken up into county and district offices which issue permits for systems. The counties must at least use the State's regulations but may be more prescriptive. Permits are not tracked for: new construction, repair of existing systems, or upgrade or modification to existing systems. Alternative/experimental/innovative technologies may require a specific waiver.

County representatives may provide an inspection if one is requested by the homeowner.

No information was provided regarding monies from State Revolving Funds (SRF) being used to assist individual homeowners to: repair a failing or malfunctioning system, replace a failing or malfunctioning system, or for the construction of a new onsite wastewater treatment system. New York City will provide funding for the repair of failed systems in its watershed provided certain criteria are met. For more information please contact:

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The Onsite Training Network has various classes available for onsite systems. Please contact:

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Demonstrations and/or research is currently ongoing in the State of New York. These projects include: Skaneateles Lake and Otsego Lake. Contact Mr. Pierson (above) for more information on these projects.