

## **Notes on the Regulation of Grease**

### **VERMONT**

Federal law requires municipalities to adopt sewer use ordinances. These limit the concentration of oil and grease coming into the WWTF to 100 milligrams/liter. State expects municipalities to enforce ordinance on generators. No Wastewater Management Division rules requiring grease traps.

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The Vermont Water Resources Board adopted the provisions of the BOCA National Plumbing Code 1990, which requires certain businesses to install grease interceptors. The State Plumbing Inspector's office enforces the Code. They don't require that businesses follow a certain schedule of cleaning, but no splashing or overflowing is permitted by the Code, so can enforce proper maintenance if these conditions are found. Copy of pertinent section of the Code attached.

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### **OTHER STATES/COMMUNITIES**

#### **Massachusetts**

The State of Massachusetts requires certain businesses to install grease traps or interceptors. The Toxic Reduction and Control Department (TRAC) expects municipal health officers to enforce maintenance of traps, however, they will assist if requested by a community (those that don't want to be the bad guy). TRAC will identify the sources of blockages and turn over documentation to the plumbing inspector. If the municipality entreats TRAC to continue enforcement action, TRAC has the municipality sign on to it and initially issues a notice of violation and works up to a notice of non-compliance if necessary. TRAC can issue fines up to \$10,000/day but usually they fall in the range of \$500-\$1,000, which appear to be adequate in obtaining compliance. See attached code.

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#### **Rhode Island**

The State of Rhode Island, through the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC), requires certain businesses to install grease removal systems. Owners must maintain maintenance records of cleaning and disposal. See attached code.

[www.ripuc.org/waste/index.html](http://www.ripuc.org/waste/index.html)

(waiting for call back from Jamie Cook at NBC on enforcement)

### **Loudoun County, VA**

Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (LCSA) decides which facilities require grease interceptors. Businesses are required to keep maintenance records. "All costs incurred by LCSA for cleaning sewers downstream of a device failing to meet the Codified Ordinance shall be billed to the account of the building/operation causing the obstruction." See attached code.

*LCSA Guidelines for the Application and Design of Grease Traps, Grease Interceptors and Oil/Water Separators*

### **New Hampshire**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services does not require grease traps. They permit WWTFs but grease issues are handled by local authorities. They are investigating a new technology offered by Bacta-Pur in New Bedford, Massachusetts, which involves grease-eating bacteria. See attached information.

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### **Connecticut**

The Connecticut Department of Health does not require grease traps "except in special cases as may be determined by the health authority."

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