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## POLICY

### ON THE USE OF MULTICOMPARTMENT SEPTIC TANKS AND DEP APPROVED EFFLUENT FILTERS

All new construction and repairs to any residential/commercial existing or proposed septic systems shall include at a minimum:

- One two-compartment septic tank of required capacity
- One effluent filter capable of passing particles equal to or less than three sixteenths of an inch in size, to be located on the outlet side of the baffle within the tank.
- One effluent filter capable of passing particles equal to or less than one sixteenth of an inch in size, to be located on the outlet tee of the tank.
- Two tank covers to grade to access the filters
- Home-owner educational material (provided by the BOH) on the benefits and maintenance of the filters.

The uses of effluent filters have been beneficial in prolonging the longevity of soil absorption systems by removing the suspended solids which are the prime cause of premature failure of onsite septic systems.