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## REGULATIONS FOR TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS

- For all Title 5 septic system inspections, groundwater will be determined by soil mottling techniques by a DEP certified soil evaluator or by actual groundwater observation during the months of March and April in years that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) has determined groundwater levels to be normal or above normal, or a method approved by the Board of Health.
- At any site with dual septic systems, separate Title 5 inspection reports shall be filed for each system, including laundry pits and greywater systems.
- Title 5 Inspections shall include the pumping of the septic tank following the evaluation of the sludge, scum and liquid levels in the tank.
- All pressure-dosed systems must be inspected by a Professional Engineer or a Registered Sanitarian.
- When a cesspool passes a Title 5 inspection, it will be considered a conditional pass. A 1500-gallon septic tank and a distribution box must be installed preceding the cesspool before the system is considered passed. This requirement does not apply to laundry pits.
- A system will receive a conditional pass unless a DEP approved effluent filter is installed in the system.