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Title 5 FAQ

Questions about Title 5 that you may need to know

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Nitrogen Sensitive Areas?

Areas that have been determined by MassDEP to be particularly sensitive to pollution from nitrogen in sewage. Interim Wellhead Protection Areas and Zone IIs of public water supplies are specifically identified as nitrogen sensitive areas. Title 5 also allows for the designation of nitrogen sensitive embayments based on appropriate scientific evidence. (310 CMR 15.214).

Title 5 has special requirements for repairing failed systems and for the construction of new systems in Nitrogen Sensitive Areas. Talk with your local Board of Health or your system designer for details.