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Sewerage Plan Review Fees

Under RSAs 485 and 485-A, engineering designs for sewerage facilities, whether publicly or privately owned, must be submitted to DES for review and approval action at least 30 days prior to construction. The statutes also require the payment of fees for such review, as stipulated in the following excerpt:

RSA 485-A:4,ix-a. Any person submitting plans and specifications to the division, as provided for in this section, for the construction of sewerage systems shall pay to the division a fee of \$30 for each 300 gallon per day unit of flow for the first 10,000 gallons per day of total flow for which such systems are designed and \$15 for each 300 gallon per day unit of flow in excess of such amount. A fee of \$200 per plan sheet shall be paid for review of pump stations, force mains, interceptors, and wastewater treatment facilities, which are submitted independently of a sewer collection system. This fee shall not apply to municipalities.

Simply stated, sewerage designs submitted to DES for review action are subject to review fees that are derived as a function of design wastewater flow. Review fees are currently assessed at a rate of \$0.10 per gal/day ("a dime a gallon") for average daily wastewater flows up to 10,000 gal/day, and an additional \$0.05 per gal/day for any flow in excess thereof. Some examples follow:

- Sewerage designs submitted for a proposed office park generating average daily flows of 6,000 gal/day must submit a fee payment of \$600.
- Sewer designs for a large housing subdivision with an anticipated average daily flow of 16,000 gal/day must provide a fee payment of \$1,300.
- Construction plans for a privately-owned wastewater treatment facility will be assessed a design review fee based on the number of technical drawings in the plan set at a rate of \$200 per sheet.

Therefore, sewerage designs submitted to DES for review/approval must be accompanied by a check - payable to **Treasurer, State of New Hampshire** - in the appropriate amount specified above. Please note that the fee requirements do not apply to sewerage design submittals from municipal and county governments, state agencies, or school districts.

For more information, contact the DES Water Division, Wastewater Engineering Bureau at (603) 271-3503.