



Stoughton Board of Health (BOH) supplemental BOH Policy

For Title 5 septic systems &/or inspections when found that dwelling units have hazardous, medical, or radioactive wastes, or if backwashes from water treatment systems are discharging into leaching systems

310 CMR 15.004(6) & (8) specifies that neither hazardous waste, industrial waste, radioactive waste, nor backwash from water treatment systems can discharge into a Title 5 leaching system. If a MA licensed inspector finds this is the case, a "conditional" pass would be warranted until the non-conforming discharge (if present) is addressed.

Medical, radioactive, or otherwise hazardous wastes can typically be addressed with the separation of wastewater piping and relocation of said wastewater to an industrial waste holding (tight) tank, designed by an engineer, with no outlets to a leaching facility, and which must be operated & maintained with a contract (submitted to & approved by the BOH) with an appropriate licensed hauler for the specific type wastewater whereas the contract would specify the destination for said wastewater, and which there would be an associated property deed reference for which. Permits would be required for both the plumbing & tank from the Building & BOH departments. Compliances for the tank & piping would be needed prior to the official Title 5 report being revised from a "conditional" pass to a full "pass".

For typical residential water treatment system backwash (not radioactive nor specifically referenced in 310 CMR 15.004(5) industrial waste categories) a separate drywell facility may be utilized to relocate the nonconforming backwash to (from out of the Title 5 leaching system) provided the facility meets the State required setbacks (25 feet minimum from any Title 5 leaching facility & 10 feet minimum from any Title 5 septic tank). Separate wastewater piping would be needed as well, which may or may not require a plumbing permit from the building department. Documentation of the relocation would be needed prior to the official report being deemed a "pass".

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