Septage Management Program

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G.S. 130A-291.1

(a) The Department shall establish and administer a septage management program in accordance with the provisions of this section.
G.S.130A-291.1(b)

For the protection of public health, the Commission shall adopt rules governing the management of septage.
—including standards for the transportation, storage, treatment, and disposal of septage;

operator registration and training;

the issuance, suspension, and revocation of permits;

and procedures for the payment of annual fees.
Septage Management Firm

Means a person engaged in the business of pumping, transporting, storing, treating or disposing of septage. The term does not include public or community wastewater systems that treat or dispose of septage per G.S. 130A-290(33).
G.S. 130A-291.1(c)

- No septage management firm shall commence or continue operation that does not have a permit issued by the Department.

- The permit shall be issued only when the septage management firm satisfies all of the requirements of the rules adopted by the Commission.
Current Permits Statewide

- 510 Septage Management Firms
- 136 Septage Land Application Sites
- 183 Septage Detention or Treatment Facilities
What Do We Regulate

SEPTAGE
“Septage” means solid waste that is a fluid mixture of untreated and partially treated sewage solids, liquids, and sludge of human or domestic origin which is removed from a wastewater system per G.S. 130A-290(32).

The term “septage” includes the following
Domestic Septage

Either liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, portable toilet, Type III marine sanitation device, or similar treatment works receiving only domestic sewage per G.S.130A-290(32)a.
Marina Permit Requirements
Who Needs a Permit

- All Marinas either existing or new that discharge directly into an approved sewer system or a permitted septic system with authorization from the permitting authority;

*Will not need a permit from us*

However....