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**POLICY ON WINTER CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE
TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

- Winter Weather Season is defined as the time period between December 1st and April 1st.
- As exposed soil, stone, and pipes freeze, they can heave and resettle causing unacceptable slopes, damage to system components, and creating inspection difficulties.
- ***Winter Weather Season construction for new sewage treatment systems will not be approved nor will we conduct site evaluations for prospective building parcels during the winter weather season.*** However, special exceptions could be considered on a case-by-case basis if weather conditions allow.
- Construction of new sewage treatment systems outside the winter weather season but during times of freezing weather conditions will be at the contractor's risk. Snow and ice on roads, driveways, and on the ground at STS construction sites may make access for inspection dangerous if not impossible and damage to systems could occur.
- Replacement of failing STS's will be permitted as long as compensation is made for the negative impact freezing weather conditions would bring. Construction using gravel-less systems (for example, Infiltrators) will not be subjected to many of the adverse affects associated with freezing weather conditions and should be considered for these systems.