



# Regulations for Subsurface Disposal of Sewage

## FINDINGS

The Board of Health of the Town of Dennis finds that:

1. the groundwater underlying this town is the sole source of its existing and future water supply, including drinking water;
2. the groundwater aquifer is integrally connected with and flows into, the surface waters, lakes, streams and coastal estuaries which constitute significant recreational and economic resources of the town used for bathing and other water-related recreation, shellfishing and fishing;
3. discharges of septic systems have repeatedly threatened the quality of such groundwater supplies and related water resources on Cape Cod, posing potential public health and safety hazards and threatening economic losses to the affected communities;
4. unless preventative measures are adopted to control the discharge of septic materials in a timely, consistent and scientifically accepted manner, predictably, groundwater, drinking water, and recreational waters within the town will pose a public health problem.

The following regulations are promulgated by the Dennis Board of Health and replace all previous Town of Dennis rules and regulations with subsequent amendments. The regulations are adopted in accordance with provisions of Chapter 111, Section 31, as amended, Massachusetts General Laws, Ter. Ed., and are being adopted to supplement, clarify, modify and augment the provisions of Title 5, of the State Environmental Code. Applicants shall refer to the Massachusetts Environmental Code for basic requirements.

## 1.0 ENFORCEMENT

For purposes of enforcing these regulations, the Health Agent or designee, an Agent of the Board of Health, shall be the enforcing officer.

## 2.0 DISPOSAL WORKS CONSTRUCTION PERMIT