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BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES REQUIREMENTS

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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has adopted new septic system regulations that will be effective January 1, 2013. After this date, conventional septic tanks will no longer be acceptable in Maryland.

Under these adopted State regulations (COMAR 26.04.02.07), all new construction will be required to install systems that use Best Available Technology (BAT) for nitrogen removal. BAT systems must be approved by MDE before use. New construction includes all new houses and non-residential buildings or renovations that increase the capacity of an existing septic system.

These new State regulations also require that BAT systems can only be installed by persons certified by both MDE and the vendor of the system. The vendor or certified installer must provide a start-up statement for the BAT system within 30 days of installation. A certificate of approval for the BAT\septic system cannot be issued until the start-up statement has been received by the Frederick County Health Department.

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