



CVAP (Clean Vessel Assistance Program)

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APPROPRIATE METHODS FOR DISPOSAL OF VESSEL SEWAGE

Discharge to a Public Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility:

This is the preferred method of disposal whenever available. All approvals, permits, etc. involved in this type of connection are the responsibility of the applicant. As part of the application, EFC may request proof that the municipality involved has provided all necessary approvals. If excavation is involved, the DEC Regional Office in your area must be contacted and written determination obtained. Some municipalities may require special equipment or handling of pumpout waste prior to the connection to the municipal sewer. As part of the final application, costs for this equipment may be considered eligible for CVAP funding if the applicant provides details in writing from the municipality.

Discharge to a Holding Tank:

In the case of a stationary facility, the pumpout will be directly connected to a holding tank. In the case of a portable unit, there must be a connection provided for sanitary disposal of the waste. This connection must be established and available for use upon project inspection. Installation of a below ground holding tank requires contact with the DEC Regional Office in your area and written determination, which must be provided as part of the CVAP application.

Discharge to a holding tank involves removal and transport of the waste by a person licensed to haul septic waste to a municipal receiving/treatment facility. The name of the person contracted to do this must be provided at the time of the final inspection of the facility. All approvals and permits are the responsibility of the applicant. Sizing of the holding tank is dependent on boat size and use patterns at each facility and the anticipated frequency of waste removal from the tank.

On-site Treatment at Marina:

This includes discharge to a septic system or an on-site treatment plant. Applicant must be aware that the unique nature of pumpout waste can often adversely affect the proper functioning of an on-site system and the services of an engineer may be required to determine if it is feasible. EFC requires that an engineer, local agency involved with septic systems, or other professionals verify the current system is capable of accepting the additional waste load.