

# CLEAN VESSEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



# CVAP

## DISPOSAL of VESSEL SEWAGE Guidance for Pumpout Facilities

**There are three ways to properly dispose of vessel sewage from a Pumpout Facility. Approvals and permits are the responsibility of the applicant for all three methods.**

### 1. Discharge to a Public Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility

- The preferred method of disposal whenever available.
- You must contact your NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Regional Office to obtain a written determination if excavation is involved in laying the connection.
- Some municipalities may require special equipment or handling of pumpout waste prior to the connection to the municipal sewer.



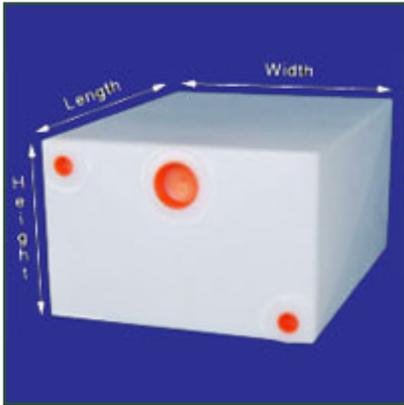
- Costs for this equipment may be considered as eligible for Clean Vessel Assistance Program (CVAP) funding, if the applicant provides details in writing from the municipality as part of the final application.
- CVAP may request proof that the municipality involved has provided all necessary approvals.



## 2. Discharge to a Holding Tank

**Stationary Unit** — Pumpout will be directly connected to a holding tank.

**Portable Unit** — There must be a connection provided for sanitary disposal of the waste. This connection must be established and available for use upon CVAP project inspection.



- Discharge to a holding tank involves removal and transport of the waste by a firm licensed to haul septic waste to a municipal treatment facility. The name of the firm must be provided at the time of the final inspection of the facility.

- Since installation of a below ground holding tank requires excavation, you must contact your NYSDEC Regional Office to obtain a written determination, which must be provided as part of the CVAP Application.

- Sizing of the holding tank is dependent on boat size, use patterns at the facility, and the anticipated frequency of waste removal from the tank.

## 3. On-Site Treatment at Marina

- Includes discharge to a septic system or an on-site treatment plant.
- 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.
- CVAP requires that an engineer, the local agency involved with septic systems, or another professional verify that the current system is capable of accepting the additional waste load.

