

**COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA****STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS No. 11 OF 1995****RULES**

MADE by the President under section 5 of the Forests Act (Chap. 60:01).

(Gazetted 13th April, 1995.)

1. These Rules may be cited as the –

Short title.

**WATER CATCHMENT RULES 1995.**

2. In these Rules –

Interpretation.

“Company” means the Dominica Water and Sewerage Company Limited and also any person duly authorised by the Company; and

“pesticide” includes any product used for controlling pests or weeds.

3. All water catchments are hereby declared to be protected forests.

Declaration of protected forests.

4. Any person who in any protected forest –

Prohibited acts in protected forests.

- (a) applies or stores pesticides;
- (b) builds any hut or other living place or livestock enclosure;
- (c) burns, cuts, fells, removes, takes or works any forest produce;
- (d) captures, hunts or kills any bird, fish or wild animal unless he is the holder of a licence or permit to do so;
- (e) carries out any planting other than reforestation on slopes over twenty degrees;

- (f) constructs or re-opens any road or saw-pit;
- (g) grazes livestock or allows livestock to trespass;
- (h) leaves therein any material, object or substance likely to cause a fire;
- (i) sets fire to any grass or undergrowth or assists in lighting any fire or leaves unattended a fire which he has lit or caused by his negligence, before the fire has been thoroughly extinguished;
- (j) squats or resides;
- (k) washes in any river or stream any equipment used for applying pesticides;
- (l) washes in any river or stream containers which contain or have contained pesticides,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 1500 dollars and six months imprisonment.

Control in respect  
of existing dwelling  
houses.

5. (1) The design, location and operation of dwelling houses in any protected forest shall be as follows:

- (a) every effluent from any swimming pool shall be applied slowly over a six to twelve hour period and shall be so chlorinated as to carry a residual chlorine content of no less than 0.4 mg/l after thirty minutes contact time;
- (b) every cesspool, individual sewerage-system, septic tank system or privy shall be of the construction, design and size approved by the Company;
- (c) every cesspool, individual sewerage-disposal system, septic tank system or privy shall be located more than 100 metres from the centre line of any stream or river; and

(d) the direct discharge of household or industrial waste, sewage or sludge into any stream or river is not permitted.

(2) Any person who contravenes subrule (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 1500 dollars and six months imprisonment.

**6. (1) Application for authorisation to alter, construct or extend an individual sewerage system or septic tank system shall be in Form 1 of Schedule 1 and be addressed to the Manager or the Company Director.**

Application to alter, construct or extend individual sewerage disposal system.  
Form 1.  
Schedule 1.

(2) The Manager may authorise any person to alter, construct or extend an individual sewerage system or septic tank system.

(3) Every authorisation issued by the Manager shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 1.

Form 2.  
Schedule 1.

**7. (1) The Company may enter any protected forest at any time without notice, and carry out surveys or works as the Minister may in writing direct.**

Power to enter and carry out works.

(2) Whenever any private land is declared a protected forest the Director shall cause the area to be marked out and kept defined.

**8. For the avoidance of doubt the water catchments listed in Schedule 2 are hereby declared protected forests.**

Water catchments - protected forest.  
Schedule 2.

**9. The Stewart Hall Water Catchment Rules is repealed.**

Repeal of S.R.O.  
No. 11 of 1975.

Rule 6.

## SCHEDULE 1

Rule 6(1).

## FORM 1

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO ALTER, CONSTRUCT  
OR EXTEND AN INDIVIDUAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM/  
SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM

To: The Manager of DOWASCO Ltd.

I/We ..... of .....  
(address)

hereby apply to –

Alter \* ) an individual sewerage/system  
Construct) septic tank system \*\* at

.....  
(location)

Extend )

Complete plans of the proposed works with substantiating data are  
attached.

.....  
Signature of Applicant

.....  
Date

.....  
Signature of Witness

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

\*\* Delete as appropriate.

## FORM 2

Rule 6(3).

AUTHORISATION TO ALTER, CONSTRUCT OR EXTEND  
AN INDIVIDUAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM/SEPTIC TANK  
SYSTEM

AUTHO. NO.

Authority to: Alter\* ) an individual sewerage  
Construct) system/septic tank system  
Extend ) at .....  
as specified in application No. .... of ..... is  
granted/not granted to ..... of.....

Subject to the following conditions:

- (1) .....  
(2) .....

Signed:

On behalf of DOWASCO Ltd.

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SCHEDULE 2

Rule 8.

Bagatelle/Fond St. Jean/Fab  
Belle Vue Chopin  
Bense/Hampstead/Anse du Mai

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Bioche/Dublanc  
Borne/Dos d'Ane/Thibaud/Paix Bouche  
Calibishie  
Campbell  
Capuchin  
Castle Bruce  
Clifton  
Cockrane  
Colihaut  
Cottage  
Coulibistrie/Morne Rachette  
Delices  
Despor  
Dubic  
Grand Bay/Tete Morne/Pichelin  
Grand Fond  
Guilette (Savanne Paille)  
LaPlaine  
Laudat  
Londonderry  
Marigot  
Moore Park  
Morne Jaune  
Morne Prosper  
Penville  
Petite Savanne  
Petite Soufriere  
Picard  
Riviere Cyrique  
Riviere Douce  
San Sauveur  
Salisbury  
Snug Corner  
Soufriere/Scottshead  
Springfield  
St. Joseph/Cafe/Layou/Mero  
Trafalgar/Shawford/Fond Cani

Vieille Case  
Warner  
Woodford Hill/Wesley  
Wotten Waven.

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CRISPIN A. SORHAINDO  
*President.*

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