

Environmental Conservation

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TITLE 6 WATER EFFICIENCY AND REUSE

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§ 15-0601. Definitions as used in this title.

1. "Water reclamation project" means a project designed to utilize reclaimed wastewater or greywater for beneficial non-potable uses including, but not limited to, agricultural and landscape irrigation, commercial and industrial uses, and wetland maintenance purposes.

2. "Greywater" means untreated wastewater from bathtubs, showers, washing machines, dishwashers and sinks, but shall not include discharges from toilets or urinals or industrial discharges.

3. "Reclaimed wastewater" means water discharged from a treatment works utilizing at least effective secondary treatment as defined in section 17-0509 of this chapter.

§ 15-0603. Reclaimed wastewater feasibility study.

1. The department, in consultation with the department of health, shall conduct a study of potential uses of greywater and reclaimed wastewater in New York state, and develop a strategy for promoting water reclamation projects.

2. Such study shall be completed within eighteen months of the effective date of this section and a report of the findings from the study shall be presented to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate within ninety days of the completion of the study.

§ 15-0605. Standards for reuse and disposal of reclaimed wastewater.

The commissioner, in consultation with the department of health, shall establish rules, regulations and standards for the reuse and disposal of reclaimed wastewater and/or greywater. The department of health shall advise the department on water quality and pathogens monitoring requirements.

1. Such rules, regulations and standards shall specify:

a. the permitted uses of reclaimed wastewater and greywater with required levels of water quality and treatment for each permitted use; permitted uses shall include, but not be limited to: industrial cooling; commercial and industrial landscaping; park and golf course irrigation; groundwater recharge; surface water supply augmentation; wetland creation and augmentation, and non-food agricultural crop and lawn irrigation.

b. operational requirements including, but not limited to, treatment

facility reliability; storage requirements, if necessary; system labeling and color-coding requirements; and pipe location and placement.

2. Such rules, regulations and standards shall be promulgated within thirty months of the effective date of this section.

§ 15-0607. Utilization of reclaimed wastewater registry.

All persons utilizing reclaimed wastewater or greywater shall register such project with the department. The department shall maintain such registry.