

RE: Fast-food restaurant vs a regular restaurant

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Mon 9/19/2022 8:25 AM

To: Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>;

Hello Alex,

The difference between a fast-food restaurant vs a regular restaurant is the plates/glasses/eating utensils. If they are all disposable, it is fast food. If not, a regular restaurant.

I hope this helps,

Regards,

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All,

See reply from DEP on the "fast food" definition. Ian seems to agree that there is no fixed standard, and it is left to the sewer allotment process in a given town to decide what flow a particular establishment will produce.

Sam

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Hello Sam,

Title V provides regulatory guidance for the design of wastewater treatment systems. You correctly stated there is no definition for a fast-food restaurant, but design flows are stipulated based on the type of establishment under consideration. Once a design flow has been identified under Title V, the Approving Authority (the town in this case) then determines if there is capacity to accommodate the daily flow generated by said establishment based on what is permitted in their ground water discharge permit.

Regards,

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Ian,

I represent the affected applicant in the above. I have scoured Title V, as have many others, and found no specific definition of "fast food restaurant." Discussions with Jared Meader of the Tisbury sewer department focused on the likely actual sewer flow of the operation and the department was satisfied that our proposal was well within the assigned flow of 20 gpd per seat.

As background to this you should know that the Tisbury Planning Board insisted that there be no plastic waste generated by the restaurant, a goal we heartedly endorsed. To achieve this we proposed two under-cabinet dishwashers, one for glassware and another for silverware because these implements are generally only available in plastic. The total estimated sewer flow from these devices is estimated at approximately 5% of the flow allotment of 20 gpd per seat. Most food items will be sold in baskets or biodegradable paper products. There will be no wait service and no commercial dishwasher on premises.