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RE: Aqua Aire AA500-35NR with UV disinfection & AA500-35NR without UV disinfection

This letter is in response to your applications to list the above-referenced Alternative Treatment Technologies (ATT) as approved ATTs. DEQ has reviewed your application plans, specifications, and other required exhibits for the Aqua Aire AA500-35NR with and without ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection. The systems' design flow ratings are 500 gallons per day and your applications were submitted to list one product (with UV disinfection) as a treatment standard 2 system and the product without UV disinfection as a treatment standard 1 system.

Your company provided third party NSF/ANSI testing data from a certification organization whose accreditation is specific to onsite wastewater treatment products certifying the ATT complies with all applicable DEQ rules and regulations. DEQ has reviewed these materials for compatibility with the standards and criteria found in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-071-0345. I am pleased to advise you that DEQ has found the following ATT system manufactured by Ecological Tanks, Inc. to meet the approval criteria for **Treatment Standard 2** when used as part of an onsite wastewater treatment system in Oregon:

> Aqua Aire® AA500-35NR w/ The UV Disinfector® (500 GPD)

I am pleased to advise you that DEQ has found the following ATT system manufactured by Ecological Tanks, Inc. to meet the approval criteria for <u>Treatment Standard 1</u> when used as part of an onsite wastewater treatment system in Oregon:

> Aqua Aire® AA500-35NR without UV disinfection (500 GPD)

Ecological Tanks, Inc. is authorized to manufacture, market, and distribute these ATTs for use in single family dwellings and commercial facilities in Oregon so long as the following conditions are met:

1. The ATT must be manufactured in compliance with DEQ's rules and the plans and design specifications approved by DEQ. Alteration of the ATT system design that might affect system performance must be approved by an ANSI accredited, third-party testing and certification organization and DEQ.

- 2. The approved version(s) of the plans are labeled Ecological Tanks, Inc Aqua Aire AA500-35NR w/ The UV Disinfector®, Aqua Aire AA500-35NR w/out UV disinfection and are dated July 1, 2015.
- 3. The ATT system must be preceded by a properly sized septic tank, dosing septic tank or followed by a properly sized dosing tank or pump vault approved for use in Oregon.
- 4. In the event of air blower failure or UV light failure, the control panel must lockout effluent pump operation to prevent untreated or partially treated effluent from discharging to the absorption area. An audible and visual alarm must activate in the event of pump, air blower or UV light failure.
- 5. Your company must train and certify maintenance providers on system maintenance for these ATTs. Individuals installing your system, and regulators in the County of installation, must be trained prior to installation of your products in Oregon, in accordance with the approved plan included in your application.
- 6. As the Manufacturer of these products, it is your responsibility to assure that each assembled ATT delivered to the construction site is watertight. Assurance must be achieved by periodic testing of the ATT products for watertightness at the manufacturing facility.
- 7. Service contracts and inspection / service visits must meet or exceed the requirements of OAR 340-071-0345(14).
- 8. Unless otherwise authorized by the Department, Ecological Tanks, Inc. must submit an annual manufacturer report. The report must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. A current list of each ATT sold in the State of Oregon for the reporting period, including the model number, serial number, and the property address where the ATT is located;
 - b. A current list of all maintenance providers certified by Ecological Tanks, Inc. and;
 - c. The material plan review fee in OAR 340-071-0140(5).
- 9. All other applicable rules and requirements within OAR 340-071 and 073 must be followed.

Pursuant to OAR 340-071-0345(2)(e), DEQ has the authority to remove ATTs from the approved list if DEQ determines that the requirements for approval are no longer satisfied, or if any of the following conditions have occurred:

- a. Ten percent or more of system under 10 years of age fail;
- b. The ATT does not produce effluent quality equal to or better than Treatment Standard 1 or 2 requirements, respectively, under normal operating conditions;
- c. The manufacturer fails to submit the annual report and annual compliance determination fee by the date specified by DEQ; or
- d. The manufacturer goes out of business.

Each ATT is only approved for use at locations where the top loading will not exceed the engineering design parameters. ATTs proposed for use at other locations requires an engineering analysis of the potential top loading, and may require the preparation of site-specific plans and specifications.

DEQ's decision to list this ATT as approved does not constitute an endorsement of the product. Moreover, DEQ is not responsible for any situation which may result from improper use or misapplication of your product.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Randy Trox, trox.randall@deq.state.or.us, or by phone at (541) 687-7338.

Sincerely,

David Belyea, Manager

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Enclosures – approved plans

EC: All Contract County Offices

All DEQ Direct Service Offices