

In general, the new regulation will address:

Cesspool upgrades: Cesspools do not treat wastewater and therefore are a significant source of nitrogen pollution and a threat to nearby wells. The regulation will phase out old cesspools by requiring them to be upgraded within one year of a transfer of title (property sale or other ownership transfer).

Denitrification systems for new construction: Since the existing nitrogen load from current land use and buildings is already over its limit to meet legal thresholds, the addition of excess nitrogen from new construction would add to the problem. The regulation will require that all new construction install a denitrifying septic system that provides a higher level of treatment to reduce nitrogen output.