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ATTN: Derek Berg

Dear Mr. Berg:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will review and approve, on a case-by-case basis, applicants' requests to use the Jellyfish Filter, manhole or vault housing, a cartridge deck supporting membrane filtration cartridges, as a low flow rate filter meeting the requirements of the General Standards (Section 4.B.) of the Stormwater Management Rules (Chapter 500) when sized, installed and maintained in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The Jellyfish Filter must be sized in accordance with the tested hydraulic loading rate, and is approved for a maximum rate of 80 gallons per minute (gpm) for each 54-inch long membrane filter cartridge (1.48 gpm per inch of cartridge length). The structure must include at least one draindown cartridge, which is approved for a hydraulic loading rate of 40 gpm per 54" cartridge (0.74 gpm per inch of cartridge length).
2. Upstream storage must be provided for the water quality/channel protection volume (WQv) consisting of the first 1.0 inch of runoff from impervious areas and 0.4 inch of runoff from lawns and landscaped areas. The WQv should be hydraulically isolated from any additional storage provided onsite by weirs or other means so that only the WQv is routed through the Jellyfish Filter. Additionally, the WQv must be detained for a minimum of 24 hours and a maximum of 48 hours (emptying time). Storage can typically be provided in an underground facility such as corrugated metal pipe, polypropylene chambers, concrete vaults or similar means.
3. All storage systems must include sufficient maintenance access for the removal of accumulated sediment and debris. It is desirable that a pretreatment structure be located upstream of the WQv storage to facilitate capture of coarse solids and trash.
4. The Jellyfish Filter must be delivered to the site and installed under the supervision of the manufacturer's representative.
5. The system must be inspected at least once every six months, and the filters maintained yearly per the manufacturer's guidelines to maintain the established efficiency for pollutant removal. A five-year binding inspection and maintenance contract must be provided prior to review and approval by the Department, and must be renewed before contract expiration.
6. The overall stormwater management design must meet all Department criteria and sizing specifications and shall be reviewed and approved by the Department prior to use.
7. Review and approval by the manufacturer for the proposed use and sizing of the Jellyfish Filter at each specific project is required to ensure conformance with the manufacturer's design specifications.

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8. This approval is conditional to on-the-ground experience confirming that the Jellyfish Filter's pollutant removal efficiency and sizing are appropriate. The "permit shield" provision (Section 14) of the Chapter 500 rules will apply, and the Department will not require the replacement of the system if pollutant removals do not satisfy the General Standard Best Management Practices.

We look forward to working with you as these stormwater management structures are installed on new projects. And, we hope that this stormwater BMP will be included in our manual in the near future.

Questions concerning this decision should be directed to Marianne Hubert at (207) 215-6485 or Jeff Dennis at (207) 215-6376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Bergeron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Bergeron, P.E.
Director, Division of Land Resource Regulation
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C: Don Witherill, Maine DEP