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ATTN: Robert Woodman and Scott Gorneau

Dear Mr. Woodman and Mr. Gorneau:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has determined the FocalPoint system (a high performance modular biofiltration system), when installed in series with a subsurface chamber-based treatment row, meets the requirements of the General Standards (Section 4.C.) of the Stormwater Management Rules (Chapter 500), provided that the system is filled with the FocalPoint engineered filter media; it is sized to meet the requirements of the General Standards (Section 4.B.); and it is installed, operated and maintained in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The FocalPoint system must be sized in accordance with the manufacturer's latest field test results with the goal of treating 90% of the annual runoff volume. To accomplish this, the system must be modelled in HydroCAD (or similar TR-55 modelling software) to demonstrate that the entire volume of a 0.95 inch Type III 24-hr storm is treated prior to activation of the bypass/overflow (typically set at 6" to 12" above the mulch surface).
2. The surface area of the media within the FocalPoint must be a minimum of 174 square feet per 1 acre of impervious area treated (26 sq. ft. per 0.15 acres). The thickness of the media is to be no less than 1.5 ft (18 inches) and the ratio of the surface area of the filter media bed in square feet to the ponding volume in cubic feet must be no less than 1 to 5.
3. The FocalPoint system consists of five components that include: 1) an open cell underdrain; 2) a wide aperture separation mesh wrap around the underdrain; 3) a layer of clean washed, 3/8" diameter bridging stone; 4) advanced high flow rate engineered media with an infiltration rate of 100 inches per hour; and 5) double shredded hardwood mulch. These components are built from the bottom up to create a mostly permeable profile that measures 3 feet from bottom of underdrain to top of mulch. The ponding depth above the mulch surface is typically 6 to 12 inches and varies based on site conditions. An overflow outlet should be placed above the ponding depth.
4. The FocalPoint system requires the establishment of vegetation that is tolerant of wet and dry conditions. Plants that are not performing as desired should be replaced as needed. A list of appropriate plants for use in the FocalPoint system is provided at:  
<http://www.acfenvironmental.com/products/stormwater-management/filtration/focal-point/>.
5. The FocalPoint biofiltration system must be placed in-line with a subsurface chamber-based treatment row that is approved by the Department such that both the treated discharge and the bypass discharge from the FocalPoint system drain to the treatment row. The treatment row must be sized to treat the peak flow from a 1-year, 24-hour storm event. The treatment row structure must be continuous and without obstacle for cleaning, and must have access at both ends for the removal of accumulated sediment and debris. The treatment row must be underlain with a bottom surface consisting of 2 layers of woven geotextile (e.g., ACF S300) that extends 18 to 24 inches beyond all sides of the bottom of the structure.

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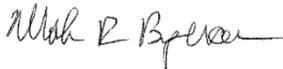
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6. Additional storage downstream of the FocalPoint and treatment row will be required to store at least the sum of 1.0 inch of runoff from the impervious areas and 0.4 inches of runoff from the lawn and landscaped areas that drain to the system unless attenuation of the channel protection volume is not required (i.e. direct discharge to a lake, tidal waters, or a major river). An external outlet control structure must control the flow out of a downstream storage system, sized for the entire channel protection volume, and drain in no less than 24 hours or more than 48 hours.
7. If required for flooding control, the storage system can be sized to provide for the storage and release of the peak flow with a regulated flow rate from 24-hour storms of the 2, 10, and 25-year frequencies such that the peak flows from the project site do not exceed the peak flow prior to undertaking the project.
8. The applicant must demonstrate that the design meets all the manufacturer's specifications and shall be reviewed by the manufacturer prior to submission to the Department for approval. Review and approval of the design by the manufacturer will be sufficient to demonstrate conformance with the manufacturer's specifications. The FocalPoint system must be installed by a manufacturer's certified installer or under the supervision of a manufacturer's representative.
9. Components of the system that are delivered in bulk (i.e., mulch, high flow media and clean washed bridging stone), should be contained in nylon super sacks to promote ease of storage and protection during on-site construction activities.
10. The FocalPoint and treatment row system should be inspected and maintained if necessary at least once every six months to maintain the established efficiency for pollutant removal. Prior to construction, a five-year binding inspection and maintenance contract must be provided prior to the Department for review and approval, and must be renewed before contract expiration. The contract will be with a professional with knowledge of erosion and stormwater control, including experience with the proposed system.
11. The overall stormwater management design must meet all Department criteria and sizing specifications and will be reviewed and approved by the Department prior to use.
12. This approval is conditional on full-scale, cold climate field testing results, performed in accordance with the Department's protocols, confirming that the pollutant removal efficiency and sizing of the FocalPoint system 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, with proper maintenance, pollutant removals do not satisfy the General Standard Best Management Practices.

We look forward to working with you as these stormwater management systems are installed on new projects. Questions concerning this decision should be directed to Marianne Hubert at (207) 215-6485 or Jeff Dennis at (207) 215-6376.

Sincerely,



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