

# NPDES PERMITS & THE NEW ILLINOIS PRIVATE SEWAGE CODE

## EPA NPDES PERMITS

NPDES Permit needed for Surface Discharges into Waters of the United States that include: Rivers, Seasonally Continuous Flowing Streams and Creeks, Lakes, Wetlands. "Rapanos"

## ILLINOIS PRIVATE SEWAGE CODE

Allow for approved Subsurface and Surface Discharging Systems that do not enter into Waters of the United States that include: Swales, Gullies, Small Washes, and Ditches that do not carry a permanent flow of water.  
6/5/2007 EPA Guidelines on "Rapanos"

**Property Owner**

**Will Surface Discharge Enter Into Waters of The United States? (Property Owner Determines)**

**YES**

- 1 Soil Evaluation To Determine If Subsurface System Can Be Used
- 2 If Subsurface System is not possible, continue to Step 3 under **EPA NPDES PERMITS** Section. If Subsurface system possible proceed to Step 1 under **Illinois Private Sewage Code** Section

**EPA NPDES Permits**

- 3 Property Owner Files for Notice of Intent with the EPA
- 4 In approximately 60 Days EPA Approves NPDES Permit based upon series of requirements
- 5 Property Owner Provides NOI to Local Health Department
- 6 Contacts/Hires Installation Contractor to Install Surface Discharging system that will meet NPDES Requirements
- 7 Proceed To Step 3 Under Health Departments

**NO**

- 1 Contacts/Hires Installation Contractor to Install System
- 2 Installation Contractor Designs Subsurface or Surface Discharging System That Complies with Illinois Private Sewage Code.

**Health Departments**

- 3 Homeowner along with Installation Contractor signs Permit Application and turns into Local Health Department
- 4 Health Department approves permit based upon its compliance with the new Illinois Private Sewage Code.
- 5 Installation contractor notifies Health Department of Installation Date.
- 6 Installation contractor installs system based on permit and Health Department inspects and approves.