Wastewater and Storm Water Considerations for Vineyards

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Coordination with Ohio EPA DSW

- Land Application of Residuals
- Land Development (Construction)
- Wetland Impacts
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment
- Storm Water Considerations
Land Application of Residuals

• Not required for residuals that never leave the field
• Required if making wine or spirits and land applying
• Requires a Holding Tank (PTI)
• Land Application Management Plan (LAMP) for liquids, solids
Land Development - Construction

• Construction Storm Water Permit
  – Notice of Intent (NOI)
  – Excludes Vineyard Development
• Required if Development > 1 ac
• Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
• Ohio EPA Guidance
Impacting Wetlands

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  – Jurisdictional Determination
  – Determines if Corps or Ohio EPA Permit is Required

• Filling Wetland
  – Allowable fill area depends on wetland class (1,2,3)

• Public Notice and Hearings
  – May add substantial time

• Ohio EPA Guidance
Sanitary Sewage System

- If Sanitary Sewers are Not Available
- Converting Residential to Commercial
- New Wastewater Sources
- Requires a Permit-to-Install (PTI)
- May need a Discharge Permit (Pipe Discharge)
What to Do First...

- Speak to a Wastewater Design Engineer
  - Ohio EPA cannot recommend a specific PE
  - Ohio EPA requires PTI, Health Depts. vary
  - PTIs must be prepared by an Ohio Professional Engineer (PE)
  - Soils in many Ohio Counties have limited suitability for onsite disposal
- Discuss Site Plans, Short Term and Long Term
Soil Evaluations

• Design Engineer typically works with a specific Qualified Soil Scientist
• Determines Onsite Soil Limiting Conditions
• Form B-13 Online:
Site Evaluation

• Identifies all Waste Water Sources
  – Also include Proposed Menu
  – Forms Online:
    http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/pti/index.aspx

• Establishes Sewage Design Flow
  – Ohio Admin Code 3745-42-05
  – Think Long Term > 5 years
  – Design for maximum flow
Design Flow Considerations

• Average Daily Design Flow
  – Ohio Admin Code 3745-42-05
  – Employees: 15 gallons/day
  – Wine Tasting with Limited/Prepackage Foods (No Food Prep): 5 gallons/day/seat
  – Restaurant or Tavern (Food Preparation): 30 gallons/day/seat, plus high strength waste water
  – Flow Equalization for Special Events
  – Consider Catered Events
Discharging vs. Onsite Systems

**Discharging Systems**
- Requires Licensed Operator
- Analytical Costs
- Discharge Permit
- High Strength OK
- Smaller Footprint
- Must have Suitable Receiving Stream
- Moratorium on some streams (Grand River)

**Onsite Systems**
- Limited waste water Strengths, Flow Rates
- Limited by Soils, Footprint
- Lower O&M Costs
- No Operator, Analytical
- Preferred to Discharging
PTI Application Process

• Application(s) Received
  – Copies of Plans (4), Forms (2), Fees
  – Step-by-Step: http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/pti/index, under “How to Obtain PTI” tab

• District Review
  – Deficiency Letters sent to Engineer
  – Final Recommendation to Columbus

• Authorization Issued
  – PTI Issued by Director
PTI Execution

- Facility should have a contract with the Design Engineer to oversee construction and ensure conforms to PTI
- Construction must start within 18 months
Storm Water Considerations

• Commercial Wine Making
  – SIC Code 2084

• Subject to Industrial Storm Water
  – Storm Water Permit
  – No Exposure Certification

• If Storm Water Permit Needed
  – Individual Permit
  – General Permit
Questions?

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