

Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York Chapter 31 Rule Governing House/Site Connections to the Sewer System

§31-03 Stormwater performance standard for connections to combined sewer system.

(a) Stormwater release rate.

The following provisions apply to the issuance of permits for sewer availability certifications and connections to combined sewer systems for new buildings and alterations as defined in the Construction/Plumbing Codes and related requirements for any horizontal building enlargement or any proposed increase in impervious surfaces.

- (1) The Stormwater Release Rate must be no more than the greater of 0.25 cfs or 10% of the Allowable Flow or, if the Allowable Flow is less than 0.25 cfs, no more than the Allowable Flow.
- (2) For Alterations, the stormwater release rate for the altered area must be no more than the stormwater release rate for the entire site, determined in accordance with subparagraph (1) above, multiplied by the ratio of the altered area to the total site area. No new points of discharge are permitted.
- (3) For proposed open-bottom detention systems, applicants would be entitled to a reduction of the required stormwater volume to be detained where stormwater will be infiltrated into the below soils provided that the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the existing soil surrounding and below the system has a favorable rate of permeation substantiated by soil borings taken at the location of the proposed system in addition to a permeability test performed in situ. Requests for any volume credits must be shown on the site connection proposal application and reviewed by DEP.
- (4) Applicants would be entitled to a reduction of the required stormwater volume to be detained where stormwater will be recycled for on-site uses provided that the department finds that the recycling system is independent and does not result in total site discharge to the sewer system greater than the Stormwater Release Rate at any time. Such recycling systems cannot be modified or disconnected, without the express written approval of DEP. This restriction applies to both current and future owners and other persons in control of the property.