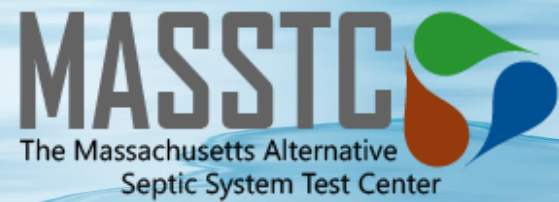


Responsible Management Entity (RME)



WHAT IS AN RME?

A Responsible Management Entity (RME) provides wastewater management support for residential Enhanced Innovative/Alternative (EIA) septic systems meant to protect our health and environment. An RME oversees every aspect of the EIA system life cycle, much like a wastewater utility oversees all aspects of municipal treatment, to make sure these systems are restoring our watersheds.

WHY DO WE NEED AN RME?

Currently, the process of installing, maintaining, and monitoring EIA septic systems is complicated and fragmented. Difficulty tracking these systems and enforcing maintenance and monitoring has impacted their ability to protect environmental health. The RME will make these technologies more dependable by managing them in a comprehensive way and will allow us to learn from newer systems as they are developed and installed.

VISION

To help Barnstable County communities meet their water quality and public health goals by supporting Enhanced Innovative/Alternative septic systems for better performance and reliability through the establishment of a flexible and equitable management utility.

WHO DOES THE RME SERVE?

HOMEOWNERS

The RME protects homeowners' investments while providing dependable, cost competitive system support. The RME reduces risk and responsibility by absorbing homeowner obligations such as contracting with service providers and overseeing system maintenance & monitoring.

MUNICIPALITIES

By providing wastewater management and informational support designed around local needs, the RME helps town comply with watershed plans and environmental goals in a customized manner.

REGULATORY AGENCIES

The RME will build confidence in the ability of decentralized technology to meet environmental and health goals by establishing rigorous standards for evaluating EIA system technology and performance, standardizing maintenance and monitoring schedules, and providing independent, transparent third-party data on system performance.

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