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Note and Facts related to the use of Cromaglass an "Alternate design" septic systems in the Pinelands Area.

In 2002, the Commission authorized the use of five "alternate design" septic systems in the Pinelands Area. This letter is to notify you that the Pinelands Commission is temporarily suspending new installations of one of the five alternate design septic systems known as "Cromaglass." The installation of the Cromaglass septic system is being temporarily suspended due to a finding by the Commission that, to date, this particular septic system has not met the Commission's water quality standard. The company that manufactures this particular septic system is now developing modifications to the system in order to improve its performance. Please note that a Cromaglass septic system does not pose a sanitary or health related problem. The problem relates only to the system's ability to meet the Commission's groundwater quality standard.

The Commission will not permit new development to utilize the Cromaglass system. We want to advise you that, if you are considering contacting an engineer to prepare septic system plans for a single family dwelling, you may wish to consider an alternate septic system, other than Cromaglass. If you have already contracted with a firm to design a Cromaglass system, as of November 5, 2006, we suggest that you contact the firm to discuss arranging for the design of a different alternate technology. However, if a financial expenditure has been made toward the Cromaglass design prior to November 5, 2006, that design will be honored.

If you have any general application related questions, please contact the Commission's applicant services staff at 609-894-7300.

If you have any questions related to alternate design septic systems, please contact Ed Wengrowski, the Commission's wastewater program coordinator.

For more information you may want to review a report to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission on the Implementation of the Alternate Design Treatment Systems Pilot Program located online at:
http://www.nj.gov/pinelands/images/pdf%20files/Final_110306_Pilot_Septic_Implem_Rpt_.pdf



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Cromaglass Facts: to help answer questions for Certificate of Filing holders for alternative systems

- Cromaglass is one of 5 CMP authorized alternative septic systems for lots less than 3.2 acres but at least 1 acre.
- Initial data from monitoring the new Cromaglass systems show a problem
- Cromaglass problem is not a sanitary or public health problem
- System has not been shown to meet the Pinelands groundwater quality standard which is ecologically based and not public health based.
- Until the problem is corrected, no new Cromaglass systems should be initiated
- Applicants, without a county septic approval by November 5, 2006, who subsequently receive a county septic approval will be called up
- If a financial commitment was made before November 5 (i.e., some contractual arrangement with an engineer) that cannot be altered without new costs to design another system (FAST, Amphidrome, Bioclere), the call-ups for such systems will be released (i.e., a NCU) and a Cromaglass system can be used (they will be fitted with a “fix”, unproven as yet)
- Anyone who has a Cromaglass system in progress please contact Ed. Wengrowski, Wastewater Program Coordinator for further information at 609-894-7300 or e-mail: wastewater@njpines.state.nj.us
- People with a Cromaglass system in progress may, and, in fact, should be encouraged to switch to a system with no problems (Amphidrome and Bioclere data look good; FAST is just starting to be installed.)
- The 5th system (Ashco) has made no progress and will shortly be removed from the CMP