COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS No. 11 of 1995

RULES

MADE by the President under section 5 of the Forests Act (Chap. 60:01).

(Gazetted 13th April, 1995.)

1. These Rules may be cited as the —
   WATER CATCHMENT RULES 1995.

2. In these Rules —
   “Company” means the Dominica Water and Sewerage Company Limited and also any person duly authorised by the Company; and
   “pesticide” includes any product used for controlling pests or weeds.

3. All water catchments are hereby declared to be protected forests.

4. Any person who in any protected forest —
   (a) applies or stores pesticides;
   (b) builds any hut or other living place or livestock enclosure;
   (c) burns, cuts, fells, removes, takes or works any forest produce;
   (d) captures, hunts or kills any bird, fish or wild animal unless he is the holder of a licence or permit to do so;
   (e) carries out any planting other than reforestation on slopes over twenty degrees;
(f) constructs or re-opens any road or saw-pit;

(g) grazes livestock or allows livestock to trespass;

(h) leaves therein any material, object or substance likely to cause a fire;

(i) sets fire to any grass or undergrowth or assists in lighting any fire or leaves unattended a fire which he has lit or caused by his negligence, before the fire has been thoroughly extinguished;

(j) squats or resides;

(k) washes in any river or stream any equipment used for applying pesticides;

(l) washes in any river or stream containers which contain or have contained pesticides,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 1500 dollars and six months imprisonment.

5. (1) The design, location and operation of dwelling houses in any protected forest shall be as follows:

(a) every effluent from any swimming pool shall be applied slowly over a six to twelve hour period and shall be so chlorinated as to carry a residual chlorine content of no less than 0.4 mg/l after thirty minutes contact time;

(b) every cesspool, individual sewerage-system, septic tank system or privy shall be of the construction, design and size approved by the Company;

(c) every cesspool, individual sewerage-disposal system, septic tank system or privy shall be located more than 100 metres from the centre line of any stream or river; and
(d) the direct discharge of household or industrial waste, sewage or sludge into any stream or river is not permitted.

(2) Any person who contravenes subrule (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 1500 dollars and six months imprisonment.

6. (1) Application for authorisation to alter, construct or extend an individual sewerage system or septic tank system shall be in Form 1 of Schedule 1 and be addressed to the Manager or the Company Director.

(2) The Manager may authorise any person to alter, construct or extend an individual sewerage system or septic tank system.

(3) Every authorisation issued by the Manager shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 1.

7. (1) The Company may enter any protected forest at any time without notice, and carry out surveys or works as the Minister may in writing direct.

(2) Whenever any private land is declared a protected forest the Director shall cause the area to be marked out and kept defined.

8. For the avoidance of doubt the water catchments listed in Schedule 2 are hereby declared protected forests.

9. The Stewart Hall Water Catchment Rules is repealed.
SCHEDULE 1

FORM 1

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO ALTER, CONSTRUCT OR EXTEND AN INDIVIDUAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM/SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM

To: The Manager of DOWASCO Ltd.

I/We ........................................ of .................................................. (address) hereby apply to –

Alter * ) an individual sewerage/system
Construct) septic tank system ** at

.......................................................... (location) Extend )

Complete plans of the proposed works with substantiating data are attached.

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Signature of Applicant

..........................................................

Date

..........................................................

Signature of Witness

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

** Delete as appropriate.
FORM 2

AUTHORISATION TO ALTER, CONSTRUCT OR EXTEND
AN INDIVIDUAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM/SEPTIC TANK
SYSTEM

AUTH. NO.

Authority to: Alter* ) an individual sewerage
Construct) system/septic tank system
Extend ) at ..............................................................
as specified in application No. .......... of ................................ is
granted/not granted to ....................... of ................................

Subject to the following conditions:
(1) ..............................................................
(2) ..............................................................

Signed:

On behalf of DOWASCO Ltd.

SCHEDULE 2

Rule 8.

Bagatelle/Fond St. Jean/Fab
Belle Vue Chopin
Bense/Hampstead/Anse du Mai
Bioche/Dublan
Borne/Dos d'Ane/Thibaud/Paix Bouche
Calibishie
Campbell
Capuchin
Castle Bruce
Clifton
Cockrane
Colihaut
Cottage
Coulibistrie/Morne Rachette
Delices
Despor
Dubic
Grand Bay/Tete Morne/Pichelin
Grand Fond
Guilette (Savanne Paille)
LaPlaine
Laudat
Londonderry
Marigot
Moore Park
Morne Jaune
Morne Prosper
Penville
Petite Savanne
Petite Soufriere
Picard
Riviere Cyrique
Riviere Douce
San Sauveur
Salisbury
Snug Corner
Soufriere/Scottshead
Springfield
St. Joseph/Cafe/Layou/Mero
Trafalgar/Shawford/Fond Cani
Vieille Case
Warner
Woodford Hill/Wesley
Wotten Waven.

Made this 3rd day of April, 1995.

CRISPIN A. SORHAINDO
President.

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