

 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Ministère des Richesses naturelles	<i>Subject:</i> Salt Storage & Snow Dumps on Licenced / Permitted Sites	<i>Policy No.:</i> A.R. 5.00.14	<i>New:</i> Yes
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Guiding Principle

Salt (for the purpose of blending to produce a sand/salt mixture known as pepper sand) may be temporarily stored on a site licenced or permitted under the Aggregate Resources Act, where appropriate approvals have been attained and proper safe guards are in place to avoid any form of contamination caused by the leaching.

Policy

This policy must be read in conjunction with the policies and procedures for site plan amendments (see A.R. 2.03.00 [licences] or A.R.4.04.00a [aggregate permits])

To avoid contamination through leaching, the following provisions must be addressed before any approvals for a site plan amendment can be processed. The following details must be submitted to the District /Area office for review.

- a) Location of salt storage, blending operation and salt/sand mixture storage;
- b) Amount of salt to be stored on site;
- c) Duration of storage;
- d) Description of storage areas(i.e. building description, description of impermeable pad);
- e) The location of the salt storage pad must be at least 2 metres above the established water table or any man made pond and 30 metres from any water body;
- f) Location of any water bodies, water courses and drainage facilities within 120 metres of the site;
- g) Description/depiction of surface water drainage on and within 120 metres of the site;
- h) Elevation of the water table on site, and elevations of storage blending area;
- i) Whether the site allows extraction below the water table; and
- j) A sketch of the proposal.

If the above information has been provided, the proponent, as directed by MNR, will circulate the package for comments to the following agencies:

- a) the local Conservation Authority;
- b) the Ministry of the Environment;
- c) the Local municipality;
- d) the Regional municipality / County; and
- e) the Niagara Escarpment Commission (where applicable).

The site plan amendment must also be posted on the Environmental Registry under the *Environmental Bill of Rights* (EBR). The agency commenting period and the EBR posting should run concurrently.

When all comments have been received, the Area Supervisor can make a decision whether to approve or deny the requested amendment. If denied, the decision is not appealable.

Snow dumping is not an activity associated with an aggregate operation, and therefore no licenced or permitted site will be allowed to import any snow removal material.