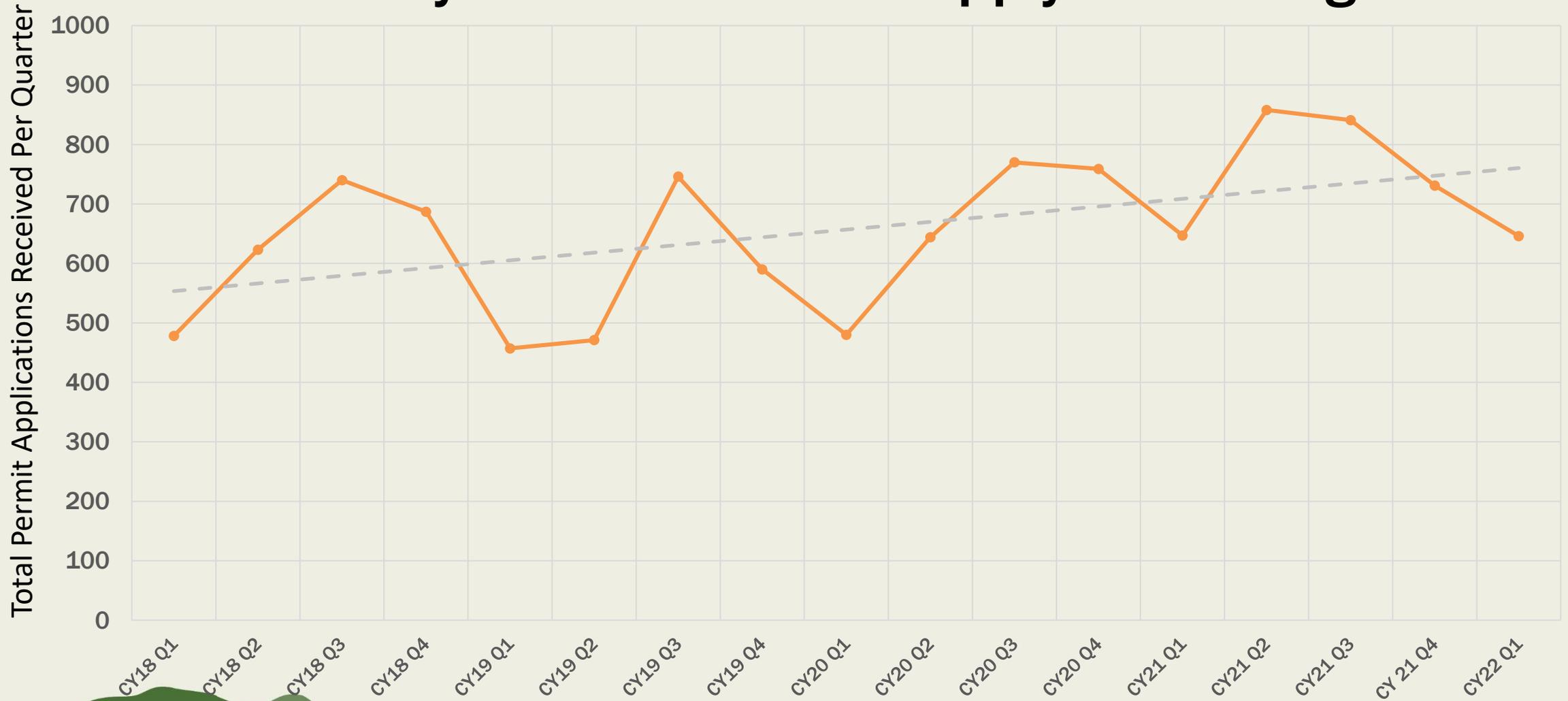


Testimony Regarding S. 226 To the House Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Committee

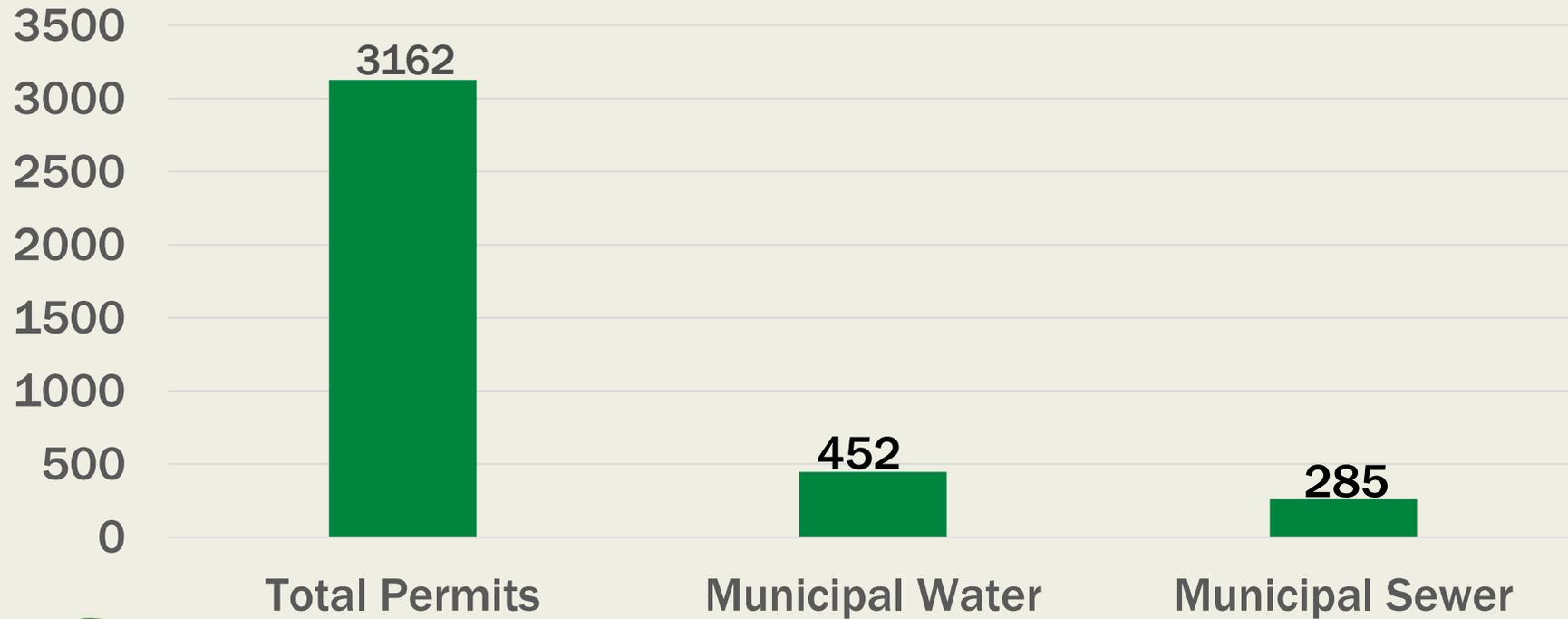
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Wastewater System and Water Supply Permitting Trend



Wastewater System and Water Supply Permit Applications Received in Calendar Year 2021



91% of Municipal Permits in CY 21 met 30-day PEP Standards

New or Expansion of Water & Sewer Use Not Requiring a DEC Permit under the Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Rules

- Individual Project Exemption for changes in use, including increases in flow, but no change to physical connections to municipal water and sewer necessary (under §1-304 (13) for Wastewater & §1-304 (14) for Water Supply)
- Municipal Water and Wastewater Full or Partial Delegation (WW Rules Subchapter 6)

Comparison of Municipalities' Permitting/Technical Responsibilities under S.226 & WW Rules Delegation

Major Permitting/Technical Responsibilities for Municipal Water & Sewer Projects	WW Rules w/o Delegation	WW Rules w/ Full or Partial Delegation	S. 226 (10 VSA §1983)
Register with ANR		X	X
Permitting Only Applies to Properties with Municipal Water & Sewer		X	X
Require Application with Plans Prepared by PE or Licensed Designer*	X	X	
Confirm Water & Sewer Capacity	X	X	X
Issue Permits with Standard Conditions*	X	X	
Require Installations (or exemptions) be Certified by Licensed Designer or PE and Documented in Municipal Land Records	X	X	X
Require Reference Drawing with Installation Certification	X	X	

* Unless utilization of existing water and sewer connections is exempt per §1-304 (13) & (14).

Comparison of Municipalities' Administrative Responsibilities under S.226 and WW Rules

Major Administrative Responsibilities for Municipal Water & Sewer Projects	WW Rules w/o Delegation	WW Rules w/ Full or Partial Delegation	S. 226 (10 VSA §1983)
Register with ANR		X	X
Employ a Professional Engineer (PE) to Review Applications		X	X
Provide Reviewer Training	X	X	
Maintain Searchable Online Electronic Records Tracking System	X	X	
Record permits on Municipal Land Records	X	X	
Submit Annual Report to ANR		X	
Timely and Appropriate Enforcement Actions	X	X	

Questions?