

Subj: USING THE SNOOUT IN COLD WEATHER AREAS

We receive occasional requests for information about the suitability of SNOOUT installations in areas where below freezing temperatures are common during winter. BMP, Inc. is headquartered in New England, where freezing conditions are normal wintertime occurrences. We have tens of thousands of SNOOUT installations in the northeast US and Canada as far North as the oil sands region of Alberta, and Alaska. We have never encountered any problems due to icing in catch basins or any other cold weather condition.

As most catch basin sumps are at least partially below the frost line, solid freezing in the sump is a rare condition at a time when liquid precipitation would occur. Even in northern Maine, where the frost line is typically believed to be around 6', we have not received any reports of problems (picture of SNOOUT in Bangor, ME is on our website under "Images").

When freezing in the catch basin occurs, and liquid precipitation enters the structure, pathways are quickly developed around the perimeter of the SNOOUT and the structure perimeter and the water begins to flow. Within a matter of minutes, most ice is melted and full flow conditions can occur.

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