



Potential Changes to ASTTBC

The B.C. government has introduced legislation aimed at making sure decisions affecting the province's natural resources are science-based, transparent and protect B.C.'s unique environment for future generations.

In the news release by the Province of British Columbia, Theresa McCurry, CEO, Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of B.C. said the following:

“The new professional reliance legislation could provide Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) with the authority to govern the respective practice of technology professionals. ASTTBC ensures that its members are certified and competent in their jobs, which is essential for ethical and safe technology practice. These requirements are based on competency assessments, adherence to a Code of Ethics and a commitment to continuous professional development.”

Read the news release from October 22nd here: https://asttbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NR_Prof_Reliance_Legislation_Oct-22-2018.pdf

Convention & Trade Show – Save the Date – March 14 – 16, 2019, Nanaimo, BC

The 2019 Convention Committee is busy organizing the upcoming convention and trade show!

The theme for this event will focus on building relationships with industry, the regulatory authorities, and the general public. The convention brochure will be emailed and mailed out at the end of November. Topics being presented include:

- Evapotranspiration beds
- Rainwater recapture and reuse
- High Strength/Commercial Effluent
- Conflict Resolution
- Advanced Soils Assessment
- More to come!

Trade Show Brochures were emailed and mailed out in late October/early November and registration for booth space has been steady. **We have sold 37% of the booths to-date. Don't miss your opportunity to book a booth space and market your product or services.**

Download registration forms here: <http://www.wcowma-bc.com/convention-trade-show/>

Site & Soils Evaluation Field Day (Kelowna Region)

The WCOWMA-BC is hosting a Site & Soils Evaluation Field Day in Kelowna, BC on **April 8, 2019**. This practical training day is a great opportunity to get hands-on experience evaluating a site, as well as practicing hand texturing and sampling. Installers who have recently completed the Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training Program will be able to take their new knowledge and apply it in the field. Experienced designers and installers should also consider this opportunity to continue their education.

Download a registration form (<http://www.wcowma-bc.com/files/2018/11/Soils-Day-Notice-April-8-2019.pdf>) or contact the association office at 855-872-2645 for more information, or to register.

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

The WCOWMA Onsite Wastewater Management Association of BC is pleased to present industry training based on the BC SPM V3 for Onsite Wastewater Professionals. Successful completion of this training program fulfills the classroom component of the training required to work in the Onsite Wastewater Industry in BC. This program is also recognized in Alberta under the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and the New West Partnership, in Saskatchewan under the New West Partnership and in Manitoba under the Agreement on Internal Trade. Students will be required to complete an online training component prior to attending the classroom sessions.

The Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training Program is now a ten-day course divided into two sessions. You must complete all ten days training successfully in order to receive certification.

The next available training session dates are:

Days 1 – 5 – March 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2019 Kelowna, BC

Days 6 – 10 – April 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2019 Kelowna, BC

Download a registration form on our website or contact the association office at 855-872-2645 for more information.

Call for Papers: 2019 WCOWMA-BC Convention

The WCOWMA Onsite Wastewater Management Association of BC (WCOWMA-BC) welcomes abstracts for papers to be presented at the Annual Convention and Trade Show. The convention will take place in Nanaimo on March 14 – 16, 2019. The theme for the convention is: Building Relationships: with industry, with regulatory authorities, with people. Presenters are invited to submit their papers for consideration.

The WCOWMA-BC annual conference serves the onsite professionals in British Columbia by providing the opportunity to learn about the newest information, research, technology, regulatory changes, experiences and practices in their field as well as the opportunity to network with their peers and view the newest technologies available to the industry.

Two types of abstracts are open for consideration:

1. Technical topics including both case studies with limited data and research projects with a larger data set.
2. Policy topics dealing with regulation and policy, management issues, etc.

They can be presented in a range of formats:

- a. Poster
- b. 30 – 45 minute presentations in either breakout or plenary sessions
- c. Panel discussions and topic seminars 45 minutes to 1 ½ hours

For more information, including deadlines, topic suggestions and submittal procedures, please visit our website or call 855-872-2645.

Congratulations Mike Vajda!

Earlier this year we shared a survey with you to gather information on ROWPs experiences with the administration of their qualifications.

Those who completed the survey were entered to win a Septic Nerd t-shirt. The winner of the draw is Mike Vajda, out of Kelowna. Congratulations, Mike!

Upcoming Industry Events

Keep up-to-date on industry events on our events page: <http://www.wcowma-bc.com/calendar/>