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WCOWMA British Columbia Branch Registers Chapter Name

The Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association has officially registered the name for its British Columbia chapter with B.C. Corporate Registry.

The chapter name is the WCOWMA Onsite Wastewater Management Association of B.C. In future all WCOWMA activities in British Columbia will be operated under the chapter name, which will help B.C. stakeholders develop their own identity under the WCOWMA banner.

Association activities in B.C. will continue to focus on advancing training opportunities for onsite wastewater practitioners while promoting a positive regulatory framework that supports the on-site industry and advocates the protection of public health and safety.

Changes to the Sewerage System Regulation Enacted

Through an Order in Council on September 23, 2009, the British Columbia Sewerage System Regulation (SSR) was amended to state:

Authorized persons

- 7(1) A person is qualified to act as a registered practitioner if the person
- (a) has successfully completed a post-secondary training program through
 - (i) the West Coast Onsite Wastewater Training Centre, administered by the British Columbia Onsite Sewage Association,
 - (ii) an institution that
 - (A) is designated, registered or accredited under an enactment of Canada or any province, except British Columbia to offer post secondary education, and
 - (B) Includes as part of its curriculum, training in soil analysis and sewerage system construction and maintenance, or
 - (iii) an organization recognized by the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of British Columbia as offering sewerage systems training programs that provide an applicant with the qualifications require for registration under the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians Act and
 - (b) holds a registration certificate
- 7(2) Despite subsection (1), a person who does not meet the educational requirements of that subsection is qualified to act as a registered practitioner if the person
- (a) demonstrates to the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of British Columbia that the person is competent to construct and maintain a sewerage system that uses a treatment method classified as Type 1 or Type 2, and
 - (b) Holds a registration certificate.

These changes have been enacted to allow other training organizations to provide training to onsite wastewater practitioners. WCOWMA's training program has been accepted as equivalent to the WCOWTC training program by the British Columbia government through the TILMA curriculum review process.

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CSA B65, National Installation Code for Decentralized Wastewater Systems Now Available for Public Review

Feedback requested on

The following notice has been sent out to Onsite wastewater Stakeholders by Abram Murra from the Canadian Standards Association. The CSA invites comments from the industry on this new code.

the new CSA B65

Dear All,

National Installation
Code

Please note that CSA B65, National installation code for decentralized wastewater systems is now available for public review. You can download the draft standard from the following link: https://review.csa.ca/opr/opr_list.asp. Alternatively, you can go to our website (www.csa.ca) and click on the Public Review link on the top right hand side of the page.

Please submit your comments no later than Wednesday, December 30, 2009 using the attached template.

<<Public Review Comment Template, B65.doc>>

Sincerely,

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Pressure Distribution Workshop in Vernon Well Attended

A successful pressure distribution training workshop was held in Vernon on October 16. Over 40 participants worked through the pressure distribution design process and the application and benefits of timed dosing. Following the classroom component of the training, participants constructed a pressure distribution system with timed dosing and tested it for a five foot squirt height.

Onsite wastewater practitioners in B.C. have indicated a keen interest in practical training. With that in mind, WCOWMA will continue to develop and deliver workshops to meet this demand.

A pumps and controls workshop is being planned for delivery in early February.



Concern Over Transfer of Certification Remains

With the advent of TILMA and the recent changes to the Sewerage System Regulation, onsite wastewater stakeholders should have a degree of confidence that training they have completed in or from other jurisdictions will be recognized in British Columbia. Despite rumours to the contrary, a Private Sewage Disposal Ticket from Alberta, is recognized as equivalent to the B.C. ROWP Installer/Planner designation.

Participants who successfully complete the Installer Training Program offered by either the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association or the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association will receive a Certificate of Training. With that Certificate of Training, applicants may apply to Alberta Municipal Affairs for a Private Sewage Disposal System Ticket.

Upon receipt of the PSDS Ticket, the Certified Practitioner may now apply to ASTTBC for a transfer of certification under TILMA. The candidate will then be subject to an open book Jurisprudence Examination which will test their knowledge of the British Columbia Standard Practice Manual and the ASTTBC Code of Ethics. Upon successful completion of the Jurisprudence Examination and payment of the Examination Fee, the candidate will then receive their ROWP Installer/Planner designation.

Several candidates holding Alberta PSDS Tickets have followed this process and have been successful in receiving their ROWP Installer/Planner Designation.

Under TILMA, Alberta Certification (PSDS Tickets) must be recognized in British Columbia and B.C. ROWP Planner/Installers must be recognized in Alberta. The Jurisprudence Examination must be open book and may take no longer than four hours to complete.

More information on transferring Alberta PSDS Certification to BC ROWP Installer/Planner is available on the ASTTBC website at:

<http://wastewater.asttbc.org/p/information.php>

Or

Contact the WCOWMA office for more information on training and certification equivalency.

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Interested in Becoming an Instructor?

As WCOWMA's training program expands, instructors will be needed to provide valuable industry training. WCOWMA has a policy of incorporating a team teaching approach. Classes are taught with two instructors present. An academic instructor presents the scientific and theory while the practical instructor provides the practical application training based on years of experience in the industry. Both academic and practical instructors have a solid background in the onsite industry and 'trench' experience.

WCOWMA sees value in having local instructors deliver the training in their region.

If becoming an industry trainer interests you, please contact the WCOWMA office for further information. Applicants will be required to meet the education and experience requirements of the WCOWMA instructors profile.

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Upcoming Training Events

Installer Training Program

This program is the equivalent program to ROWP Designer/Planner. The program is six days in length with a final examination on Day 6.

When: December 7–12, 2009

Where: Vernon, British Columbia

Pumps & Controls

This is a one day workshop, which will teach the theory and practical applications of pump sizing, friction and head pressure loss and other pump fundamentals.

When: February 1, 2010

Where: Kelowna, British Columbia

Want more information or registration forms?

Please contact the WCOWMA office for registration forms at info@wcowma.com or call 1.818.478.5397 toll free

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