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CSA Standard B65 for Onsite Wastewater Design & Installation

The Canadian Standards Association recently released their B65 Standard for Decentralized Wastewater System. This standard was developed by the CSA after several years of consultation with stakeholders across Canada, including representatives from each provincial government, industry associations, manufacturers and suppliers and independent contractors. The Canadian Standards Association is a not-for-profit membership-based association serving business, industry, government and consumers in Canada and the global marketplace.

The BC Ministry of Health has issued this statement regarding the B65 Standard:

Ministry of Health Position—CSA B65 Standard For Decentralized Wastewater Systems

There have been a number of concerns raised regarding the recently-published Canadian Standards Association CSA-B65 national standard (installation code) for decentralized wastewater systems. The bullets below are intended to provide clarification regarding use of the document in BC:

- The Standard Practice Manual (SPM) Version 2 is a Ministry of Health document which represents the primary source of standard practice for Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioners (ROWPs) in BC as referenced in section 9 of the *Sewerage System Regulation*. Furthermore, application and use of the SPM is mandatory for Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioners according to Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) policy.
- The Ministry of Health will be reviewing the CSA B65 document with respect to provisions in the *Public Health Act* and the *Sewerage System Regulation* and does not recommend its use in BC at this time. Reference to the CSA Standards (which includes the B65 document) will be assessed and considered for inclusion in future versions of the SPM.

Any questions regarding the application and use of the SPM or CSA code by Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioners should be directed to ASTTBC Onsite Wastewater Registration Program at (604) 585-2788 Ext 231.

Questions regarding regulatory policies or the content of BC's Standard of Practice Manual or *Sewerage System Regulation* should be directed to Rupert Benzon, Health Protection Branch, Ministry of Health at (250) 952-1501.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Opportunities to participate in both classroom and field training events are coming up in both Barriere and Prince George. All members of the onsite industry are encouraged to come out and participate in one of these highly educational sessions. Training sessions are either eligible for continuing education credits or for certification as an installer/planner, depending on the session attended. Detailed registration information is attached to this email.

These full-day field day workshops are eligible for up to 3 professional development credits.

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

This training program provides you with the training requirements to obtain your ROWP Installer/Planner stamp through the TILMA process. The six days of training are divided into two three day sessions to allow for self-study between sessions. For more information on this training or on how to obtain or maintain your ROWP stamp, please contact the WCOWMA office at the toll free number below or email us at info@wcowma.com

Location—Prince George

Days 1–3 June 11, 12 & 13, 2012

Days 4–6 June 25, 26 & 27, 2012

Two Day Site and Soils Evaluation—Advanced Program

Location—Barriere

June 15 & 16, 2012

One Day Soils Field Day—Basic

Location—Prince George

June 14, 2012

Pumps, Controls and Data Logging

Location—Prince George

June 28, 2012

Please fax in the attached forms to register or contact the WCOWMA-BC office for more information.

Save the Date!

2013 WCOWMA-BC Convention and Trade Show
February 7–9, 2013