



## Environmental Public Health Officers Training

SOWMA had the privilege of offering update training to the Environmental Public Health Officers (EPHO's) from across Saskatchewan. The EPHO's oversee crucial onsite wastewater design and inspections on First Nations Reserve Land. The EPHO's are employed by Indigenous Services Canada or Individual Tribal Councils. Northern Inter-Tribal Health (NITHA) was the host for the event. One session was held in Saskatoon and one in Regina. The course included an overview of the key changes to the Guideline, application of the guideline to the design process, in field site and soils assessment and a final examination. A total of 20 officers participated in this training.

Special thank you to the following companies for assisting with our site and soil assessment days:

- EZ Backhoe Services
- FRP Manufacturing (2010) Inc.
- Stobbe Backhoe Ltd.

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## Are You Struggling With the Changes to the New Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Disposal Guide?

Contractors needing help applying the new requirements under the SOWDG are encouraged to contact the association for support.

While the changes to the SOWDG may seem to be significant, in fact many of the "changes" in the 2019 SOWDG, were already in the 2009 SOWDG, they were just 'shoulds' instead of 'shalls'.

Now that things like linear loading and detailed site evaluations are a requirement, it seems like a big change, but those were already incorporated in the old guideline as best practices and recommended for Type II mounds and difficult sites.

If you need worksheets or soils logs to help with the design process, or support in applying the Guideline, we are here to help. Just give us a call: 1.855.872.2650.

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## Upcoming Events

You can keep up-to-date on industry events on our events page!

Have an industry event you'd like to see posted? Feel free to contact us!

**NAWT/NOWRA Onsite  
Wastewater Mega-Conference**  
October 13 – 16, 2019  
Loveland, Colorado

**Imagine a Day Without  
Water**  
October 23, 2019

**WWETT 2020**  
February 17, 18 & 19, 2020  
Indianapolis, IN