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ONSITE INFORMER SASKATCHEWAN

Installers and EHOs Participate in Training

WCOWMA hosted two training events in the Saskatoon region within the last few months.

In April, 17 participants from across the province participated in the six day program. Participants represented a variety of industry stakeholders including installers, suppliers, manufacturers, health inspectors and developers. During training, instructors took students into the field for a well-received soils evaluation field training session.

In mid-June, 18 Health Canada Environmental Health Officers also participated in the full training program plus a soils field training component. The ability to apply what is learned in the classroom in a field situation provides invaluable insight into the role of soils in system design.

Based on demand, another soils field day is being planned for this region in early Fall. If you are interested in participating in industry training, please contact the WCOWMA office.

WCOWMA Meets with Saskatchewan Health

In April, WCOWMA met with Tim Macaulay and Chris Seeley of Saskatchewan Health. The meeting covered common concerns about the onsite industry in Saskatchewan and ways in which WCOWMA can support and enhance it.

Saskatchewan Health indicated its support in principle of WCOWMA's installer training initiative and WCOWMA's intent to build a Saskatchewan-specific training program that meets the needs of the local onsite industry.

Once training is more firmly established in Saskatchewan, WCOWMA will train local onsite professionals interested in helping to deliver the training program in their home province.

WCOWMA is committed to working with Saskatchewan Health and the onsite community to foster and build a sustainable, well-trained industry base and to encourage the provincial government to officially recognize and validate a professional certification program.

Upcoming Training Dates

Plans are in place for
another soils training
field day in
Saskatchewan this
Fall

WCOWMA is committed to working with industry stakeholders and Saskatchewan Health to build a sustainable, well-trained onsite industry.

Questions or comments? Contact us at 877.489.7471 or
email us at info@wcowma.com

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BNQ Protocol Adopted

BNQ Testing Protocol

Will be equivalent to

NSF 40 or NSF 245

The Bureau de Normalisation du Quebec (BNQ) 3680-900/2009 Certification Protocol was adopted on June 2, 2009. The protocol outlines the certification requirements, rules of procedure and marking requirement regarding the certification of onsite residential wastewater treatment technologies. Manufacturers wishing to have their products recognized by the BNQ will follow this protocol to apply for conformity.

The intent is to present manufacturers with a choice between NSF certification or BNQ certification, and to ensure that the certification protocols are equally effective.

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Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement

TILMA application

Protocol outlined

On ASTTBC website

The Applied Science Technologies and Technicians of British Columbia (ASTTBC) has released a protocol for onsite professionals from other provinces who wish to have their PSDS Certification recognized in B.C.

WCOWMA members can find information on transferring their credentials on the ASTTBC website at www.asttbc.org.

Specifically, the information regarding the transfer process is located on pages 13 and 14 of the OWRP Policy. It can be linked directly at http://owrp.asttbc.org/documents/OWRBPoly_002.pdf



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