



**November 15, 2012**

## **SOWMA Provides Presentation to Provincial Health Inspection Managers**

On October 22, Greg Plett, President of the Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association was invited to provide a presentation at the Provincial Health Inspection Manager's Meeting.

The purpose of the presentation was to engage the health managers in discussion regarding the activities of the association throughout the province and to create dialogue among the stakeholders about onsite wastewater issues and the need for mandatory training in the industry.

The presentation was very well received. SOWMA will continue to engage the regional health officers on issues such as training, permitting, inspection and enforcement.

On November 14, Greg will provide a presentation on advanced technologies at the annual conference of the Saskatchewan chapter of the Canadian Institute of Provincial Health Inspectors. This second presentation will serve to continue SOWMA's outreach to this group of stakeholders.

## **Onsite Wastewater Management Study Commissioned**

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation has signed a contract commissioning a new study on onsite wastewater management for rural communities. This study will begin by looking at the onsite wastewater infrastructure in Ontario and Alberta, before expanding to encompass other provinces including Saskatchewan.

The focus of the study is similar to that of a project published by the USEPA in 2012. That project involved case studies of fourteen communities to determine the potential impacts of onsite wastewater systems on potable water sources as well as surface waters used for commercial and recreational purposes. Having identified what the environmental stresses were and what processes were currently in place, management protocols were determined for each region along with funding options to support the protocols.

As details become available, SOWMA will provide further information about this project.

## **Convention Location Changed**

Due to a lack of ability to confirm an appropriate venue for the conference and trade show, the venue of this event has been moved from Regina back to Saskatoon.

The conference and trade show will take place on March 15, 2013 at the Travelodge Conference Centre located at 106 Circle Drive. This event will include a day of educational presentations and technical exhibits provided by our supplier sponsors.

Mark March 15 on your calendar and plan to join your fellow onsite wastewater stakeholders at this once a year event!



## **Upcoming Training**

### **Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training**

Days 1–3	December 12, 13 & 14, 2012	North Battleford
Days 4–6	January 9, 10 & 11, 2013	North Battleford

## **3rd Annual Convention & Trade Show** **March 15, 2013 - Saskatoon**

**“Healthy Communities, Healthy Industry: the importance of a professional, trained onsite wastewater industry”**