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Industry Survey Completed

SOWMA

In an effort to support the proposed changes to the Private Sewage Works Regulation, SOWMA recently performed a phone and email survey of its stakeholders to gauge support for mandatory training and certification in the province.

Stakeholders were asked questions related to the region they work in, scope of work, whether or not they have completed a training program, whether or not they support mandatory training and certification for the onsite wastewater industry and what kind of timeline should be set for installers to complete training.

Results were collated and sent to Saskatchewan Health to support their proposed changes at the Cabinet level.

Out of 164 respondents to the survey, SOWMA was able to gather the following information:

- 97% of those surveyed support a requirement for training and certification for those designing and installing onsite wastewater systems in the province.
- 70% of those surveyed feel that a year is an adequate window of time in which to allow installers to participate in a training program and become certified.
- 60% of those surveyed have already participated in a training program for the design and installation of onsite wastewater systems.

The most common reasons given for support of training and certification were:

- A need to protect the groundwater.
- To ensure that consistent quality of installations are occurring that protect the homeowners investment, public health and the environment.
- A need to professionalize the industry in the eyes of the general public.

A need to ensure that systems are being designed and installed that meet or exceed the Private Sewage Works Regulation and the Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Disposal Guide.

Member Benefits: Public Education and Consultation

SOWMA

A key component of having a healthy and effective onsite industry is ensuring that homeowners have access to the information they need to make sound decisions regarding their onsite wastewater systems. The SOWMA provides that information to the general public, acting as a resource and providing referrals to our member professionals.

We even have a section of our website dedicated to homeowners! Feel free to direct your customers to <http://www.sowma.ca/home-owners/> for lots of useful information including system tips and FAQs.

Member benefit – Homeowners calling for referrals are only referred to SOWMA members.

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Stay in-touch on industry news, learn about our latest training sessions, and check out photos of some of our events all on the SOWMA Facebook page.: <https://www.facebook.com/SaskatchewanOnsiteWastewaterManagementAssociation>



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Nominate Your Favorite Pumper!

HUG A PUMPER

Anyone that works in the liquid waste industry can tell you it isn't the easiest way to make a living. Hug A Pumper is a free initiative to recognize the people in this industry and to show them that their work is appreciated.

It costs nothing to nominate your favorite pumper, and you can nominate as many (of your favorite) pumpers at you'd like.

Why Appreciate Pumpers

- Long hours and weekends are generally required
- Takes dedication and hard work
- Lots of manual labor is necessary
- They do the dirty work, literally
- Provide a vital public health service

Your favorite pumper will be entered in the drawing to win a 50-inch flat screen TV and could be featured in the HugAPumper.com Hall of Fame!

Nominate your favorite pumper today at <https://www.hugapumper.com/>

Upcoming Industry Events

You can keep up-to-date on industry events on our events page: <http://www.sowma.ca/calendar/>

The SOWMA events page has recently been updated and features a calendar configuration, making it easier than ever to see what industry events are just around the corner.

Have an industry event you'd like to see posted? Feel free to contact us: <http://www.sowma.ca/contact/>

The Water Expo 2017

August 30-31, 2017
Miami, Florida

WEQ Fair

October 17-18, 2017
Nashville, Tennessee

Ontario Water Innovation Week (ONWIN)

October 30-November 3, 2017
Ontario

WWETT Show 2018

Feb 21-24, 2017
Indianapolis, IN

SepticSmart Week 2017

September 18-22, 2017

NOWRA/NAWT Onsite Wastewater Mega Conference

October 22 – 25, 2017
Delaware

World Toilet Day

November 19, 2017