

On-Site Wastewater Contractors & Inspectors Certification Board

Initial meeting: Saturday, October 28, 2006
Holiday Inn-Airport, Greensboro, NC

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am

General discussion about what the Board needed to do:

Roughly 1500 installers, fewer inspectors

Need to develop brochure and get to all installers listed with county health departments.

Plan:

- Set up meetings around state
- Register folks
- They select which level of certification they want

Connie Stephens elected as Board Chairman (motion, 2nd, and vote)

Installer Certification Levels:

Note: Is to include language that “This certification does not supercede the need for certification from the manufacturers to install their proprietary systems.”

Grade I:

Conventional gravity, state type II and III, dual alternating drainfield without pump

Grade II:

any pump or siphon, off site systems, grinder pumps, dual alternating drainfield with pump(s)

Grade III:

system flows of 1,500-2,999 gpd, low pressure distribution, flow equalization

Grade IV:

system flows 3,000 gpd or more, industrial process wastewater, aerobic treatment units, pretreatment systems, water reuse

Motion was made, 2nd, and passed to accept these grade levels.

Inspector Certification Levels:

There will be a single level of inspector certification. Motion was made, 2nd, and passed.

Discussion ensued as to how people could get certified as inspectors. Two methods were proposed:

- 1) Grade IV Installer can inspect all systems
Steps: Apply, no class, no exam
- 2) All others attend class and pass exam.

Questions for AG's office:

Can installers inspect their own systems at future date? (NOT initial inspection)

Can installers make repairs on system they inspect?

Inspectors Certification sub-committee: Al (chair), Russ, Jim, & Diana

Gene: will contact well drillers section at DENR and ask following questions:

- 1) Website: forms, procedural information (can we steal?)
- 2) Database: Will they track our members? What cost?
- 3) Will they send letters and renewals to our members? Will they send notices to local health departments?
- 4) Administrative fees?

Certification cards:

Top of card will read "On-Site Wastewater Contractors & Inspectors Certification Board"

Card will use the Great Seal of the State of NC

Will be signed by Board Chairman

Other content: Name, Company Name, Grade Level, Expiration Date

The back of the card may be a good place to put the "this certification does not supercede...." wordage.

Complaints: A notarized complaint will be required.

Renewal letters will list classes attended during prior year.

Treasurer: Gene Young (motion, 2nd, and vote)

Checks: dual signatures? Gene & Connie?

Connie requested that we each send her a work write-up about ourselves that indicates what makes us qualified for this board.

PR committee: Connie & Russ (also Doug)

Motion to close at 1 pm, 2nd, vote, dispersed.

Meetings submitted by Diana Rashash