



AOWB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board (AOWB) held its sixty-seventh board meeting on July 26, 2011. The meeting convened at 9:00am at 450 South Union Street in Montgomery, Alabama.

Special Guests were: Mr. Walter Watson: Mr. Watson came before the Board to address his continuing education/license renewal issues. Mr. Braxton Gray came before the Board to address his license renewal.

TRAC Program

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board (AOWB) was involved in an onsite installation for Mr. and Mrs. Kessler. The Kesslers live in the Cartersville community and their home was damaged by a tornado on April 27, 2011. While celebrating their wedding anniversary, the Kesslers were involved in a traffic accident and Mr. Kessler continues to recover. The Kesslers were denied assistance from FEMA, but a revisit was requested and a settlement may be reached. Israel Partridge with True Adventure Sports and Brandy Freeman with Adventures In Missions have been working to repair the damage to the home, and assisting Mrs. Kessler with Mr. Kessler's care. Rod Ivey, along with members of the community, installed an onsite system for the Kesslers. This is the first indoor bathroom for the Kesslers. Rankin Septic Tank donated the tank, and Steve Brown of Plastic Tubing Industries Inc. donated the pipe. State of Alabama Representative Todd Greeson was present to assist the Kesslers.

The system was completed and all received their 2012 continuing education credits. But more importantly – Mr. and Mrs. Kessler will be able to use their bathroom and shower without having to walk outside. Both were overjoyed.

Office Closures/meetings/ deadlines

- *AOWB Quarterly Meeting - 10-25-2011*

Continuing Education and Training Requirements

628-X-3-.05 The Board shall adopt programs for initial training to become licensed and continuing education for licensees as presented by the education coordinator or the Executive Director. The Education Coordinator or Executive Director may recommend to the Board the approval or disapproval of courses and classes that meet the requirements for initial training and continuing education credit hours for licensees. **Courses, classes or shows desiring approval by the Board shall submit prior to advertising the availability of subject classes, a complete agenda of coursework to include date, time and location and hours to be obtained.** (Emphasis added).

TRAC Program – allows AOWB licensees to install onsite wastewater systems for continuing education credits. The program was established by and shall be administered by the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association (AOWA). Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association Executive Director, Dave Roll (334-396-3434), shall be contacted for approval and scheduling of system installations. Because repairs are time sensitive, the Board shall approve the TRAC program at the January Board meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the AOWA to provide to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board the following information, **(1)** an agenda consisting of (a) location of system (b) instructors (b) classroom discussion (c) onsite discussion, (d) a “start” and a “complete” time **(2)** a sign in sheet consisting of (a) licensee’s signature, (b) licensee’s number and (c) number of credits (hours) received. **Manufacturing**—(1) A test application must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Test cost -- \$100. (a) July 11, 2011, (b) October 3, 2011

REMAINING LICENSING CLASSES

All Licensing Classes are held at the University or West Alabama, Livingston

Advanced Installer Level 1 Class- A test application must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Cost of test -- \$150.—October 12-14, 2011.

Advanced Installer Level II Class—A test application must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Test cost -- \$200.—November 16-18, 2011. All dates subject to change.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

October 27-28, 2011—Mobile

December 1-2, 2011—Livingston

CALL AOWA TO REGISTER—CONTINUING EDUCATION MUST BE OBTAINED TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE FOR 2012.

2011 Licensees Check your license status and information online at www.aowb.alabama.gov. The website is updated each Monday.

2012 Renewals

License renewals are accepted from October 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011, without a late fee or penalty. A licensee may renew online or complete 2012 application and mail to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board. A 2012 application must be requested by mail in a timely manner. When using a written application for renewal, the following items must be submitted to the AOWB (a) copy of current bond, (b) copy of education units (c) a check or money order made payable to the AOWB (**cash will not be accepted as payment**).

Bonds

Alabama law requires that “the executive director shall **immediately suspend any active licensee without a current bond on file**. The executive director shall reinstate the active license once a reinstatement fee is paid by the licensee and the bond is reactivated or replaced.” To insure compliance, please mail your continuance to the AOWB.



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THE MISSION OF THE ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board was created to examine, license and regulate persons engaged in manufacturing, installation or servicing of onsite wastewater systems, including portable toilets, in Alabama. This Board was also created to establish the qualifi-

cation levels for those engaged in the manufacture, installation, servicing, cleaning or pumping of onsite wastewater systems and equipment in Alabama and promote the proper manufacture, installation and servicing of onsite wastewater systems.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

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A licensed installer was charged with beginning the installation of an onsite system without a current bond. The licensed installer and the AOWB entered into a \$500 Consent Agreement.

A licensed installer was charged with covering an onsite system without giving the ADPH the opportunity to inspect. The licensed installer and the AOWB entered into a \$300 Consent Agreement.

A unlicensed pumper was charged pumping portable toilets without a current AOWB license. The unlicensed pumper and the AOWB entered into a \$1000 Consent Agreement.

An unlicensed installer was charged with installing an onsite septic system without a ADPH permit or current AOWB license. The unlicensed installer and the AOWB entered into a \$500 Consent Agreement.

Administrative Hearing

A licensed installer (at the time of the complaint,) repaired an onsite system without an ADPH permit. The system failed. The licensee would not return and address the problem. The "now" unlicensed individual did not attend the Administrative Hearing. He must reimburse the homeowner \$9,700 and pay a \$750 fine to the AOWB.