

**PRIVATE SEWAGE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY
CODE UPDATE TRAINING REQUIREMENT;
2009 PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS STANDARD OF PRACTICE**

Persons that currently have an Alberta Private Sewage Certificate of Competency (PS ticket) must successfully complete an Update Training Course on the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2009. The update training must be successfully completed by April 1, 2011. After that date, a person who has not completed the update training will not qualify for renewing or obtaining a Private Sewage Certificate of Competency.

The Standard of Practice was adopted by Alberta Regulation and came into force October 5, 2009. The 2009 Standard of practice reflects substantial changes from the 1999 Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice. Certified Installers must be knowledgeable of the 2009 Standard to appropriately apply the requirements set out in that standard when undertaking the design and installation of onsite sewage systems.

The Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) is delivering the required update course on the 2009 Standard of Practice. These courses will be provided at numerous locations around the province.

Contact the AOWMA to determine the update course offering that best suits your location and availability. Course offerings can be found on the AOWMA web site (www.aowma.com) or by contacting them at 780-489-7471.

Obtaining the training will help designers and installers avoid encountering issues of non compliance with the rules of the 2009 Standard of Practice that is now in force. You are advised to complete your update training at the earliest opportunity. A 14 month period to obtain update training has been established to accommodate the potential 1,200 people needing this training.