

## Waco-McLennan County Public Health District OSSF PROGRAM

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## **NOTICE**

January 4, 2010

To: Homeowners with OSSF Aerobic Systems

Subject: New Maintenance Contract Requirements for Aerobic Treatment Units

McLennan County as the Authorized Agent for the On Site Sewage Facility Program (OSSF) received approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to implement a new On-Site Sewage Facility Order effective November 30, 2009. The new order replaces the previous one, meets the standards of TCEQ and contains more stringent rules.

Listed below are the more stringent Rules adopted by McLennan County, Texas:

## A. PERMITTING REOUIREMENTS:

Permits shall be required for all On-Site Sewage Facilities regardless of lot size or acreage tract.

## B. MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

In order to provide greater public health and safety protection, the maintenance for all aerobic treatment units shall be performed by a TCEQ licensed provider or registered maintenance technician unless:

- 1. The homeowner is a TCEQ licensed maintenance provider or registered maintenance technician for his/her aerobic treatment unit, or;
- 2. The homeowner receives specific on-site maintenance training for their aerobic treatment unit from either an installer II or the manufacturer of the unit, or;
- 3. The homeowner holds a TCEO Class D or higher Wastewater Treatment license, or;
- The homeowner successfully completes the basic maintenance provider class approved by TCEQ.

Homeowners choosing to perform their own inspections must submit a contract, on a form provided by the Designated Representative for McLennan County, to the Designated Representative indicating that they will conduct the required maintenance and provide periodic inspections reports along with verifiable documentation indicating they are qualified by items 1, 2, 3 or 4 above.

Within 10 days from receipt of this notice please provide this office with a written statement explaining your plans to obtain either a maintenance contract from a maintenance provider or comply with the training and contract to maintain the aerobic unit yourself.

The failure to comply with the rules and orders adopted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality is a Class C misdemeanor under the Texas Water Code, Section 7.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Dennis Musick at 254-299-2473.

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