



## *NEWS and UPDATES*

December 11, 2009

To: Maintenance Technicians, Installers, Designers, Site Evaluators, and Pumpers

Subject: New On-Site Sewage Facility Order and Mandatory Maintenance of Aerobic Units

Last month, the County Commissioner's Court submitted a new county order to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for approval.

McLennan County as the Authorized Agent for the On Site Sewage Facility Program received approval from 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.

The significant change is that all aerobic units must have mandatory maintenance either provided by a maintenance technician or by the homeowner if the homeowner obtains approved training.

Attached is page three from the new order showing what the more stringent rules are including the requirements for aerobic unit maintenance.

The OSSF office will begin notifying homeowners without maintenance contracts starting January 4, 2010.

If you have any questions please call the OSSF office at 299-2405.

Sincerely,

David Litke, R.S.

Program Administrator

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SECTION 10. AMENDMENTS.

The County of McLennan, Texas wishing to adopt more stringent Rules for its OSSF Order understands that the more stringent local Rule shall take precedence over the corresponding TCEQ requirement. Listed below are the more stringent Rules adopted by McLennan County, Texas:

(A) PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS:

Permits shall be required for all On-Site Facilities regardless of lot size of 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 TCEQ Class D or higher Wastewater Treatment license, or;
4. 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 Of 4 above.

Should any of the below occur two (2) or more times in a twelve (12) month period, a homeowner performing their own inspections will be required to contract with a licensed maintenance provider.

1. Failing to submit the required testing and timely reporting results, or;
2. Falsifying the required documents, or;
3. Has confirmed nuisance complaints.

(C) MAINTENANCE INSPECTION AND REPORTS:

Inspections and reporting at a minimum must meet all requirements as set by the Rules of McLennan County and TAC Chapter 285 OSSF Rules as well as the inspection requirements outlined by the manufacturer for the brand of system being inspected.

A CERTIFIED COPY

Attest: November 6, 2009

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McLennan County, Texas

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