

President's Message: Aaron Ausen



The dog days of summer are here and have been for the past few weeks. I don't know about you, but everyday feels like we are working in a microwave. I think I say every year, but especially this year I can't wait for winter.

I hope that everyone is busy busy and staying safe out there. We have been busy at WOWRA planning the Onsite Show, rejuvenating the POWTS Code Council, and hopefully the TAC.

George and Tony Birrittieri have been playing pivotal roles representing WOWRA at the Council meetings. Not only representing, but having a strong voice at the meetings so I certainly want to thank them for that.

We have also been discussing the possibility of a POWTS Evaluator Course and discussion about a potential Rejuvenate a Family Day. We are really excited that things are active right now. I don't want to release to many details, but there are a lot of exciting things happening at the WOWRA Headquarters.

Mark Weiser, George, and myself also had a very productive meeting with DSPS Secretary Dave Ross and Deputy Secretary Jeff Weigand. These meetings are always well set up by George and are always well received. Having that kind of activity allows WOWRA to stay ahead of industry changes and eliminates as many surprises as possible. Definitely a good benefit of being a member of WOWRA. I am sure George will have more to say about that so I will let him talk about that.

I hope everyone has a positive season wrap up and always stay safe and keep your powder dry.

Aaron J Ausen
WOWRA President

Summer 2016

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Legislative Update: Executive Director George Klaetsch



POWTS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointed

Last month, Department of Safety and Professional Services Secretary Dave Ross announced the appointments to the POWTS Technical Advisory Committee. The following individuals were appointed for each of the seats available on the TAC.

- **Plumber** – Robert Roy Schmidt Jr., *Term expires 2017*
- **Local Government Unit** – Eric J. Wellauer, *Term expires 2017*
- **POWTS Component Manufacturer** – Aaron J. Ausen, *Term expires 2019*
- **POWTS Designer** – Daniel P. Vander Leest, *Term expires 2019*
- **Academic/Scientific Community** – Daniel P. Keymer, *Term expires 2018*
- **DNR** - Frederick Hegeman, *Term expires 2018*

As most of you know, the DSPS issues approval, upon request and review, for specific methods or technologies that are proposed to be utilized as POWTS holding, treatment or dispersal components which conform to the standards under DSPS rules. The DSPS reviews submittals with the input of the POWTS TAC.

Transportation Funding Quickly Becoming Most Contentious Issue in Next Year's Budget

In late June, Governor Walker took the unprecedented step of directing Department of Transportation Secretary, Mark Gottlieb to submit a complete transportation budget request by September 15 in an effort to allow the public to participate in the process. The directive is unprecedented because typically the DOT submits a partial budget by September 15 and its full budget in November. The directive also instructed the DOT to cut costs and help reduce the state's road fund shortfall, which is estimated at \$600 million.

In his letter, the governor asked the secretary to identify efficiency savings and prioritize projects based on needs. He also stated that the request should focus on maintenance and therefore, include an increase in local road aids and state highway maintenance. The governor also directed DOT to minimize spending on the mega projects in southeastern Wisconsin, this includes construction on the Zoo Interchange and the I-94 north-south freeway project.

As expected, the Governor continued to maintain his staunch position of no additional tax or fee increases for transportation spending unless it is offset by identical or greater tax reductions to offset the increased transportation spending.

While the 2017-18 biennial budget is still almost six months away from introduction, the legislative response to the Governor's position and directive to DOT has received mixed results from legislative Republicans. In the Assembly, Speaker Robin Vos responded by saying, "To just delay the projects thinking that somehow the problem's going to solve itself, really flies in the face of reality." In the Senate, Senator Stroebel stated, "Governor Walker is showing real leadership on DOT funding."

Commentary and debate over transportation funding will continue and certainly pick up when DOT submits their full 2017-19 budget submission in September.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George A. Klaetsch".

George Klaetsch
Executive Director

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DSPS Announces Sanitary Permit Expiration Guidance

The Department of Safety and Professional Services was recently asked to evaluate the expiration date for a sanitary permit issued under the authority of Wisconsin Stat. § 145.19 and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 383.21. The following message contains the analysis of that review and guidance to those local units of government that issue state sanitary permits.

Analysis

Wis. Stat. § 145.19(7) states the following:

“Period of validity. A sanitary permit is valid for 2 years from the date of issue and renewable for similar periods thereafter. A sanitary permit shall remain valid to the end of the established period, notwithstanding any change in the state plumbing code or in any private on-site wastewater treatment system ordinance during that period.”

Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 383.21(5) states the following:

“Expiration. Pursuant to s. 145.19 (1b), Stats, a sanitary permit shall expire 2 years from the date of issuance unless renewed in accordance with sub. (6).”

In reviewing both of these sections, a sanitary permit is valid for a period of 2 years even if there is a change in the state plumbing code or relevant local ordinance during that two-year period. A sanitary permit may be issued and renewed indefinitely only if the all of the criteria in the state plumbing code and local ordinance are satisfied at the time of renewal.

Guidance

State sanitary permits expire two years from the date of issuance, regardless of any other conditions such as when the system is installed. The exception is for permits which may be temporarily suspended or revoked under the authority of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 383.21(6M) or (7). The modification of an existing POWTS may not commence or continue unless the owner of the property on which the POWTS is located possesses a valid sanitary permit and has obtained plan approval for the modification under Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 383.22, if the modification involves the addition or replacement of any of the following:

1. A POWTS holding component.
2. A POWTS treatment component.
3. A POWTS dispersal component.

Example 1. A sanitary permit is issued and a POWTS is installed shortly thereafter. The final inspection has been performed. Six months prior to the expiration of the sanitary permit, it is proposed to install a pretreatment unit. *Answer: The addition of a treatment component requires plan approval from the appropriate agency. A new sanitary permit is not required if the treatment component is installed prior to the expiration date (or new date if renewed). The records for the sanitary permit may need to be updated.*

Example 2. A sanitary permit is issued and a POWTS is installed shortly thereafter. The final inspection has been performed. The septic tank fails in 6 months and is proposed to be replaced by the same tank model under warranty by the manufacturer prior to the expiration date of the sanitary permit. *Answer: Neither plan review nor a new sanitary permit is required because no changes to the approved plans are proposed and the sanitary permit is valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance. The responsible party shall notify the appropriate unit of government when the work will be ready for inspection under Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 383.26. The records for the sanitary permit may need to be updated.*

Example 3. An addition or modification to an existing POWTS is proposed 5 years after the installation of the system. *Answer: Plan review of the proposed modifications by the appropriate agency is required. Since the proposed modification is after the expiration of the first sanitary permit, a new permit must be issued prior to the work being performed.*



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- Free product with minimum purchase
- Percentage discount
- Buy one, get one
- Punch card (buy 5 get, 6th free)
- Access to special "WOWRA members only" pricelist

Promotion

The Member Discount Program will be available online at wowra.com to MEMBERS ONLY. The program will roll out during the 2017 membership renewal campaign between November 2016 and February 2017. In 2017, promotion of the Member Discount Program will be published in the quarterly newsletter (WOWRA News) and bi-weekly email (WOWRA Happenings) as well as continuously promoted on the WOWRA web site. Suppliers participating in the program will receive a monthly listing of WOWRA members during the membership renewal period (November 2016 through February 2017) to identify current WOWRA members in good standing that are eligible for the discounts.

Who are WOWRA Members?

Septic system installers
Soil testers
Designers
Manufacturers

If you are interested in participating in the WOWRA Member Discount Program, complete and submit the participation form on the next page. Please direct your questions or comments to Alison at info@wowra.com or call the WOWRA office at 608-441-1436.

Thank you again for your continued support of WOWRA and your consideration of this request.

Aaron Ausen
President

George Klaetsch
Executive Director

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WOWRA reserves the right to decline a submission based on relevance to WOWRA members.

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Please include a .jpeg file of your logo for inclusion in the online Discount Program listing.

Register Now For Safety Training

Construction Focus Four Training

WOWRA is partnering with the Washington Onsite Sewage Association to provide a full-day safety training for WOWRA members and their employees.

This program is a septic system industry specific training that is intended to raise worker awareness to the OSHA Construction Focus Four hazards in the Onsite Industry. The course also helps workers and employers develop and use root-cause analysis tools to identify and mitigate exposures to workers in the Focus Four categories:

- * Falls
- * "Caught In" or "Between" Hazards
- * "Struck-By" Hazards
- * Electrocution

Register now at www.wowra.com/event-2274140.

Date: Monday, September 26, 2016
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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The Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association (WLWCA) and Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association (WOWRA) are now accepting proposals for breakout sessions at the 2017 WLWCA/WOWRA Joint Winter Conference.

Presentations

- Sessions will run for approximately one (1) hour.
- Panel discussions will be considered. Please include the information for all proposed panelists in your submission.
- Sessions should be designed to educate the audience and not promote any specific products.
- Exhibit space is available for all promotional activity and registration will be open in October 2016.
- Only presentations that are product-neutral will be considered.
- Presentation selections will be made based upon desired topics, flow of content, educational value and understanding of the content.
- Topics should fit in one of the following session tracks, however other topics will be considered:
 - ◊ Business
 - ◊ Portable Restrooms
 - ◊ Soils
 - ◊ Technology

Goals of Your Presentation Should Include:

- Targeting information that is meaningful and will add value by serving the septic professional, advancing the septic industry, or provide a relevant business topic.
- Providing practical hands-on tips, tools and resource materials for participants.
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