

Authorized Persons Listings

Responsibility for the proper design and installation of onsite systems has been transferred from Health Authorities to 'Authorized Persons' as defined by the Sewerage System Regulation (SSR).

Health Authorities still play a role in onsite systems, holding records related to sewage systems and enforcing the Regulation to protect public health. However, they do not approve or inspect new installations.

Now, all work on new onsite wastewater systems, repairs to systems and any maintenance on systems constructed after the SSR came into effect in 2005, must be performed by an 'Authorized Person'. Once a system is installed, upgraded or repaired, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure the system is maintained by an Authorized Person, and is operated within the capabilities and limitations of that system. The *Health Act* definition of *authorized person* includes "Professional Practitioners" such as Professional Engineers (P. Eng.), Hydrologists and Engineering Technicians.

The Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia (ASTTBC) is the provincial registering body for Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioners (ROWPs).

A Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) registered in the category of Private Inspector, whether Residential or Commercial, must carry out inspections that meet or exceed the standards described in *Standard Practice Guidelines for Private Inspectors* (the Policy). For a complete copy of the guidelines, please refer to the ASTTBC website at <http://owrp.asttbc.org/c/regulations.php>. The Policy, as recommended by the British Columbia On-Site Sewage Association (BCOSSA) and accepted by the ASTTBC Practice Review Board, provides for a consistent, uniform approach for the role of the ROWP - Private Inspector, to protect the interests of the consumer and public health.

More information and the most up-to-date ROWP listings are available on the ASTTBC website at:

<http://bit.ly/cvrdseptic> or scan QR code

If any clarification is required as to an individual's certification or registration, please contact ASTTBC at 604-585-2788, local 236.



CVRD Proof of Compliance Requirements

The following extracts are taken from the "Comox Valley Regional District Building Bylaw No. 142, 2011":

An application for a building permit shall include copies of approvals required under any enactment relating to health or safety, including, the *Health Act* and subsequent regulations:

- in respect of a system to which section 8(2) of the *Sewerage System Regulation, B.C. Reg. 326/2004*, applies, require all the information required under that section;
- in respect of a system constructed under a permit from the Ministry of Health issued before the coming into effect of the *Sewerage System Regulation, B.C. Reg. 326/2004*, require a report from an authorized person (ROWP or Professional Practitioner) stating that:

"the system is not malfunctioning and has been appropriately constructed and installed given the size and projected demand on the system to be placed by any buildings or improvements that are served or are to be served by the system."

And further the report shall include a signed and sealed copy of the site plan showing the location, dimensions and occupancy of all existing and/or proposed buildings or structures. (Refer also to sections 6.2.7 and 6.2.8 of the BCOSSA *Interim Standard Practice Guidelines for Private Inspectors*.)

For more information about sewerage system regulation visit: www.health.gov.bc.ca/protect/lup_index.html

For more information about ROWPs visit: <http://owrp.asttbc.org/c/regulations.php>

For more information about applying for a building permit in the CVRD visit
www.comoxvalleyrd.ca or call Property Services at 250-334-6006