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Position Statement: Septic System Installation

OHLA, EHRB Collaborate with DEQ to Clarify Regulation of New Onsite Residential Septic System Evaluation

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) and Environmental Health Registration Board (EHRB) are seeking to clarify current regulation regarding the evaluation of new residential septic systems prior to installation of a new system, which must be approved by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

OHLA/EHRB are collaborating with DEQ, which has already established procedures and criteria for installing new residential septic systems and is the sole state agency able to approve such installations. The EHRB recommends that homeowners become knowledgeable of the procedures and criteria for system installation and that no professional may "guarantee" that an application for a new system will be approved by DEQ.

The EHRB is working with DEQ to provide homeowners with information on the new septic system installation application process and a site evaluation guide for septic systems. The DEQ also has prepared other materials to help homeowners with the process, including the fact sheets "Test Pit Preparation for Onsite Sewage Evaluations" and "Construction/Installation Permit Guide for Septic Systems." The EHRB adopts DEQ's materials as guidance documents for both homeowners and any professionals providing site evaluation services, whether or not those providing services are registered environmental health specialists, waste water specialists or other qualified professionals.

The EHRB will provide access to these guidance documents in its section of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) Web site at www.oregon.gov/OHLA/EHS.

In the spring of 2007, the EHRB will continue collaborating with DEQ to clarify what constitutes a site evaluation and who may legally provide such evaluations to homeowners prior to submitting an application for approval to DEQ.

The Environmental Health Registration Board adopted this position statement on November 17, 2006.

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