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Sewerage System Regulation (SSR) - Update

The Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport posted to their website on July 29, 2010 a statement clarifying the latest changes to the SSR. This statement was reviewed with ASTTBC prior to its release. All practitioners registered with ASTTBC are asked to consider this statement as you carry out your work. Recent information in the media and statements issued by others contain incorrect or incomplete information. The Ministry statement talks about:

- Allowing homeowner installation of onsite sewerage systems under the supervision of a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP).
- Improved measures for preventing health hazards.
- Ensuring consistent setback provisions in legislation addressing location of wells and sewerage systems (with allowance for variance approvals).
- Ensuring all training agencies go through the same ASTTBC accreditation process to ensure students achieve the required competencies. The BC Onsite Sewage Association (BCOSSA) training program will now be subject to the same accreditation process as other training agencies.

For the complete information go to <http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/protect/pdf/Sewerage-System-Regulation-Amendments-OIC476.pdf>