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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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# Virginia Begins Licensure Program for Onsite Sewage System Professionals

*Limited-time “grandfathering” period for current practitioners*

Effective July 1, 2009, Virginia law requires that soil evaluators, installers, and operators of onsite sewage systems must be licensed by the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR).

### **SOIL EVALUATORS**

Effective July 1, 2009, DPOR will administer a mandatory licensure program for soil evaluators. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) previously administered a voluntary certification program for Authorized Onsite Soil Evaluators (AOSEs). To qualify for licensure, AOSEs whose VDH-issued certification was valid on June 30, 2009, must submit an application to DPOR. AOSE applications must be received at DPOR no later than **December 31, 2009**.

### **VDH Employees**

VDH employees without AOSE certification, but whose duties include soil evaluation and septic system design, may obtain licensure as an interim onsite soil evaluator by completing the Board's application and submitting required documentation to DPOR. The interim onsite soil evaluator license is valid for conventional systems only and expires after four years, or when the employee no longer performs soil evaluation and septic system design for VDH, whichever occurs first. VDH employee applications must be received at DPOR no later than **December 31, 2009**.

### **Installers and Operators**

Prior to July 1, 2009, Virginia law did not require licensure to practice as an onsite sewage system installer or operator. To facilitate the transition of those individuals currently practicing as installers or operators, an interim license is available from DPOR. Interim installer and operator license applications must be received at DPOR no later than **June 30, 2010**.

*Applicants who fail to meet the deadlines above must meet all relevant entry requirements, including passing the Board-approved examination.*

Additional information regarding the regulations, including the text and application forms, is available on the Board's website at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov). Past and pending regulatory action is also available on the Town Hall website at [www.townhall.virginia.gov](http://www.townhall.virginia.gov).

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