

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Private Sewage Systems at Work Camps

Private Sewage Permits Required

This bulletin applies to wastewater systems serving a work camp development that generates less than 25 cubic meters of wastewater per day for 110 persons or less (systems that treat 25 cubic meters or more per day fall under the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment).

The Permit Regulation under the Safety Codes Act establishes when a private sewage permit is required. A permit is required for each location where work camp wastewater systems are installed. This permit is issued by the safety codes permit issuing authority.

The permit addresses the site-specific issues surrounding the installation of the equipment and the final dispersal or management of the treated wastewater. The private sewage permit ensures that the wastewater treatment system is subject to compliance monitoring to verify that the wastewater treatment system meets the requirements set out in the Private Sewage Disposal Systems Regulation and Standards.

Variations issued for work camp wastewater treatment equipment do not replace the requirement to obtain a site specific Private Sewage Permit.

Go to: http://municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/cp_permit_information.cfm to find out where to obtain a permit in each Alberta municipality.

Authorization for a Wastewater System is Required from the Land Owner

Authorization to use an area of land for wastewater management must be obtained from the owner of the land. On Crown owned lands controlled by Sustainable Resource Development (SRD), the lease holder must obtain an authorization from SRD to use the area of land for wastewater management. If the wastewater is to be discharged off the lease site, a specific authorization from SRD must be obtained for this purpose. The private sewage permit does not authorize the use of land for wastewater management.

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