

Eligibility for Plumbing Permits required for components located outside of a building, and required for the treatment, flow control or pressure delivery of wastewater from a plumbing system that discharges into a municipal sewage collection system

ISSUE:

In some cases the connection of a building's plumbing sewer system to a municipal wastewater collection system must include tanks, pumps and other components that manage flows or provide pretreatment of the raw wastewater to levels that are suitable for the municipal sewage system. The equipment used in these installations, along with the installation methods and applicable code requirements, align with the competencies held by Certified Private Sewage System Installers. However, as this part of the wastewater system is classified as a plumbing system, Private Sewage Installers are not recognized by the Permit Regulation as having the qualification to obtain these plumbing permits.

BACKGROUND:

Private Sewage installers have typically installed these types of systems under private sewage permits or sewer service permits in the past and are considered qualified to do such an undertaking based on the prescribed training required to obtain a Private Sewage Certificate of Competency. Consultation with plumbing and private sewage inspectors and municipal representatives confirm support for recognizing Certified Private Sewage Installers as having the required competency to obtain permits for this specified part of a plumbing system.

VARIANCE:

This variance applies throughout the Province of Alberta.

This is a variance to section 15(1) of the Permit Regulation AR 204/2007 regarding the certification a person must hold to be eligible to obtain a plumbing permit.

This variance allows that, in addition to those persons identified in section 15(1) of the Permit Regulation, a person holding a valid Private Sewage Installers Certificate of Competency may be issued a plumbing permit for that portion of a plumbing system that is:

- a) located outside of a building, and**
- b) required for the treatment, flow control or pressure delivery of wastewater from a plumbing system that discharges into a municipal sewage collection system.**