



# BC Onsite Sewage Association

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Grant Main Deputy Minister,  
Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport  
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Dear Mr. Main

**Re: Industry Consultation and the Sewerage System Regulation.**

The BC Onsite Sewage Association is an association dedicated to industry support and education. The association named within the Sewerage System regulation represents over 750 Industry stakeholders involved in the design, installation, maintenance and inspection of onsite systems. Additionally we represent a cross section as industry suppliers, professionals, and Environmental Health Officers.

Our organization, through the West coast Onsite Wastewater Training Centre, has trained over 1500 practitioners of which 462 are registered with ASTTBC to practice in BC.

Our organization continues to play a pivotal role within BC's onsite industry and nationally on various national industry committees.

It is our understanding that the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport is considering making changes to the Sewerage System regulation. Despite our organizations deep involvement within the industry and ongoing support of the cooperative management framework of the Sewerage System regulation we have not been consulted on any potential changes.

Our members have expressed disappointment at not being consulted with respect to the Sewerage System regulation with respect to the Sewerage System Standard Practice Manual. Open communication of the Ministry's goals and directions with the industry will strengthen the effectiveness of the regulation and the ability of the industry to meet the needs of British Columbians and reduce costs while protecting public health and the environment.

I would like to meet with you to discuss ways in which our association can work better with the ministry to meet our mutual objectives.

Yours truly,

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BC Onsite Sewage Association.

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