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On the cover: A birds-eye view of Davis Concrete in Phenix City, AL while hosting The 2021 AOWA Annual Meeting & Trade Show, honoring Brent Bradshaw. See a review about this event beginning on page 10.

From the AOWA President



Greetings!

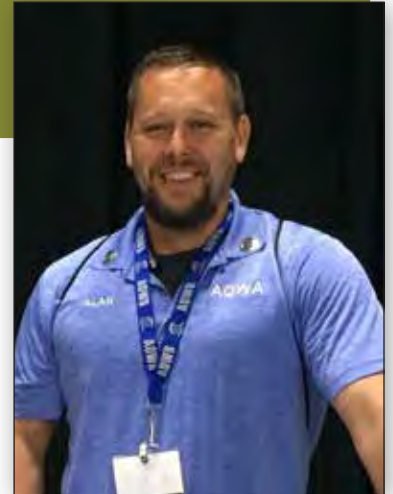
Let me start off by saying THANK YOU to those that were part of the 34th Annual AOWA Meeting & Trade Show held April 15-16 at Davis Concrete.

I was honored to host this year's show on my property to provide an outdoor space that would accommodate a large number and allow everyone to socially distance. This year's show, with over 300 in attendance, honored the memory of Brent Bradshaw, a much-loved member and great asset to the AOWA and AOWB. During the annual meeting, I presented Sandy Bradshaw a plaque in honor of her late husband. Thank you, Brent and Sandy, for your dedication and service to the AOWA and AOWB over the years. This year's show featured unique outdoor continuing education, a mock trial, exhibitor booths, field demonstrations, live entertainment and more. Everyone put in a ton of effort to make this year's show a great success, and for that, THANK YOU! I also want to take a moment to thank our sponsors, exhibitors, education partners, board members, and the ASG staff. We could not do everything we do without each and every one of you. We look forward to the 2022 show as we gather together again in Orange Beach, Alabama. See you all then!

The AOWA has been working hard over the past few months scheduling and planning the 2021 Continuing Education and Licensing classes. As a reminder - Basic Installer, Pumper, and Manufacturer must receive approval from the AOWB **BEFORE** you can take one of these courses. The application form can be found on the AOWA website. If you have questions about the process for getting into one of these classes, please contact Melissa Hines at the AOWB. All Advanced Installer, Level I & II classes do not require approval from the AOWB; however, there are a few prerequisites you must meet before you can take one of these courses. You can find more information on the approval process and prerequisites within this issue and on the website.

As always, our goal is to provide the best education possible, while keeping you all safe. Please know that the AOWA staff and its education partners have been working to ensure proper COVID-19

Alan Astin
AOWA President



protocols are being followed at all class sites. Online classes will be available later in the Fall.

The AOWA scholarship program has named its winners! You can find more information on these individuals within this issue. Congratulations to each of you and thank you for applying!

We would love to have you place your ad in one of our magazine issues! What better way to promote your company than to advertise with us? You can purchase a single-issue ad or reserve your space for the year. If you have questions about placing your ad in one of our upcoming issues, please contact Rhonda Freeman at the AOWA office.

Are you a current member of the AOWA? Has your membership lapsed? We hope you will consider joining or renewing your membership with us! Don't miss out on all the great member benefits. A membership form can be found on the AOWA website (www.aowainfo.org).

And lastly, are you receiving our e-news? The AOWA has been sending out a weekly legislative report that you, as a member, should be receiving via email. If you aren't receiving our e-news, please call the AOWA office to be placed on the distribution list.

We know things aren't quite back to normal, but please know the AOWA is here for YOU! Our goal is to provide the best resources and utmost support to our members and other industry professionals.

As always, thank you for your efforts in keeping the AOWA a successful, supportive association for its members and others in the onsite wastewater Industry.

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News from the AOWB



Hello Licensees,

I hope this article finds you all doing well and staying very busy!

What an awesome trade show this year. It was great to see those of you that were in attendance. Kudos to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association for a job well done!

I'd like to take this opportunity to express the AOWB's appreciation to all that worked diligently during this legislative session on HB 483 and Senate Bill 277. Unfortunately, the Bills were passed on Thursday, May 6, 2021. **Act 2021-376.**

(see right hand column for added code)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Let us talk about #1.

As the AOWB was in process of licensing Manufacturer Level II's (companies distributing septic tanks), legislators were contacted from various entities and the legislature made the decision this could not happen. My suggestion to our licensees is if you are having issues with companies distributing septic tanks, contact the licensee for that product and lodge your complaint. The AOWB worked very hard to license these distributors, but during the course, that did not happen.

The following will be added to Code of Alabama 34-21A (Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board Law).

“(b) The board shall not license or regulate any of the following:

- (1) An individual or entity that distributes septic tanks or conventional or engineered onsite sewage systems or onsite wastewater systems.**
- (2) An owner of multiple wastewater systems, or a system that is part of a group of wastewater systems under common ownership, with one or more of those systems having a design flow of 15,000 GPD or greater.**
- (3) A general contractor licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, with a municipal and utility endorsement, while installing or maintaining wastewater systems as described in subdivision (2).”**

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What does #2 mean?

Basically, any of the decentralized onsite wastewater systems covered under the PSC (Public Service Commission) with design flows over 15,000 gallons.

That is an owner of multiple systems or is part of a group of systems under common ownership that do not have to be licensed by the AOWB.

For example, XYZ Inc. has three onsite wastewater decentralized systems. One system has a design flow of 15,000 gpd permitted by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and two systems have a design flow of 10,000 gpd permitted by the Alabama Department of Public Health. XYZ Inc. of Alabama does not have to have an Advanced Level II license.

Now moving on to #3

If you hold a GC license with a municipal and utility endorsement and you are installing or maintaining the systems described in #2, you do **NOT** have to have a license by AOWB.

Could this law affect the onsite wastewater industry? Very likely. The thought of individuals installing and maintaining these systems without an Advanced Level II license is very disheartening, as they have not been educated or properly trained in this area of expertise. And unfortunately, there are individuals in the industry today who feel they don't need this training or expertise. I'm certain time will tell.

In closing, please remember to renew your bonds and obtain your continuing education for renewal year 2022.

Also note that Red Vector has **NOT** been approved by the AOWB for CE credit this year.

I would also like to thank you all for what you do for the industry and the consumers of the State.

As always feel free to contact me with any issues you have.

Warmest Regards,



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**Thank you for being a part of the AOWA Trade Show.
We had over 300 people in attendance, April 15-16, 2021.**



(Above) Networking opportunities.

(Left) Melvin Hetherington is awarded Installer of the Year by the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board

**Congratulations to the AOWB Installer of the Year!
Melvin Hetherington**



(Below) The 2021 AOWA Annual Meeting & Trade Show was held in honor of Brent Bradshaw. Alan Austin, AOWA president, made a presentation to Sandy Bradshaw during the annual meeting.



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Raffle Winners & Entertainment



(Above) Happy winners of these great prizes

(Right) The fantastic live entertainment Thursday evening featured JonBoy Storey. All concession purchases helped support the Helping Hands Across Alabama program.

(Below) Excavator Rodeo



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**1st: Alan Astin 15.16
2nd: Ken Ottinger 20.2
3rd: Kris Williams 21.14**

2021 Field Demonstrations

Field Demos were a new addition to the 2021 show. Attendees rotated to each station to earn CEU credits.

Thank you to our instructors for making this possible!

Installation of Infiltrator Septic Tank

Taught by: Chris Gulley and Scott Ellenburg

Pumping/Inspection of Septic Tank

Taught by: Derrick Hutchins and Bryan Connell

Installation of Effluent Pumps & Social Classification

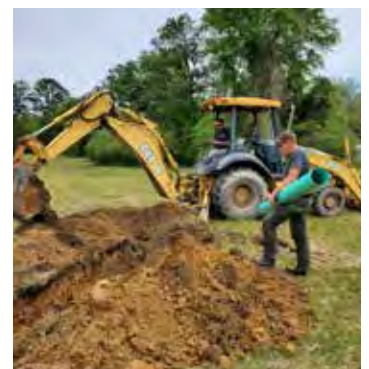
Taught by: Glenn Huett, Jason Carter, Marc Geiger, Rick Smith, David Gray and Natalie Parsons

Engineered Mound Design Layout

Taught by: Marc Geiger, David Mastin and Jason Carter

Infiltrator Low Profile Demo, Infiltrator Standard Demo and Inspection Camera Demo

Taught by: Keith Turner, Carl Brown and Alan Astin



Disaster Victim Assistance Program

Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association



After the recent tornados demolished parts of Alabama, the AOWA is gearing up their Disaster Victim Assistance Program once again. Individuals needing assistance with the repair or replacement of their septic system due to damage from a disaster can fill out a request application online at www.aowainfo.org, call the AOWA office at (334) 396-3434, or email aburns@asginfo.net.



Chairman of the DVAP program, Marc Geiger said,

"We need all Alabama licensed installers and members of our industry to support this program. Anyone can help with this effort through a financial contribution to the fund or offer of services. We need contractors to help coordinate the actual repair or replacement of systems. It is heart breaking to see the devastation and destruction our fellow citizens have suffered. We want to help ease the pain just a little."

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact the AOWA office at (334) 396-3434.

Donations can also be sent to the AOWA office directly:

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Helping Hands Across Alabama

Helping Hands Across Alabama (HHAA) is an AOWA program that helps those in need repair or replace their septic systems. This program runs off donations - monetary, materials, and volunteer time - as well as a small annual budget. Homeowners are also encouraged to contribute whatever funds possible. In 2020 we were able to install 5 systems for those in need. Due to Covid-19 there are lots more people that need help due to lost jobs or illness. You can sign up to volunteer for HHAA Projects in your area!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can receive all of your CEU credits for the year just by volunteering to install at an HHAA project site? You can! If you're interested in helping with an upcoming project, please email Abby Ashley at the AOWA office at aburns@asginfo.net.

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Legislative Wrap Up

By Stephanie Norell, McMillian & Associates, LLC

As the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature began in early February, AOWA was hoping to pass a bill to increase the fining authority of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board. Things quickly changed and our attention turned when a bill was introduced by Sen. Tom Whatley and Rep. Ed Oliver to curb the authority of the AOWB to regulate and license certain entities. The issue revolves around de-centralized onsite systems and the ability for general contractors with a municipal-utility endorsement to build these systems.

De-Centralized Systems

This issue has been simmering for the last couple of years and was brought up last year during the discussion on the "Sunset" bill for the AOWB. A Sunset bill is one that extends the existence of a board, usually for four years, at which point they would be reviewed and renewed again. It is used as an oversight tool by the Legislature for the many state boards and regulatory agencies that exist.

During a House committee meeting on the AOWB sunset bill in the 2020 legislative session, the Alabama Utility Contractors Association complained about the "overreach" of the AOWB when they had fined general contractors for work performed on de-centralized onsite wastewater systems without an AOWB Advanced Level II license. After their testimony, the House committee voted to reduce the extension of AOWB to only one year and suggested that they get together with the Board of General Contractors to find a solution to this issue, which was viewed as regulatory overlap.

The AOWB and the Executive Director Melissa Hines worked before this session began to find an acceptable solution to the issue, but no agreement was ever reached with the Licensing Board for General Contractors. So as we began the 2021 Regular Session of the Alabama

Legislature, a bill was introduced by Russell Lands, which is a developer that operates in the area around Lake Martin. As originally introduced, the bill would exempt any PSC regulated system from regulation by the AOWB. AOWA opposed the bill and when the bill was in committee in the House, Alan Astin and Chris Gulley testified against the bill and represented the industry that day. Ultimately the committee approved the bill on a voice vote.

In the Senate, the Governmental Affairs Committee created a subcommittee on the bill, which held hearings where a number of people testified. Some of those that spoke in support of the bill were Russell Lands, the Alabama Utility Contractors Association and an engineer that designs these de-centralized systems. Testifying in opposition to the bill and representing the interests of the onsite wastewater industry were Melissa Hines, David Mastin, Sharon Kimbrough, and Craig Gall.

After hearing testimony, the subcommittee recommended a substitute bill to the Governmental Affairs Committee. The chairman of the subcommittee, Sen. Clyde Chambliss, who is familiar with the issue because he recently served as Chairman of the Sunset Committee, noted that they attempted to draft the substitute as narrowly as possible in order to address those that are being licensed and regulated by multiple entities, while not allowing anyone to get by without regulation. Because the subcommittee had received complaints about the Manufacturer Level II license that was recently adopted by AOWB, they determined to address that issue in the substitute bill as well.

The AOWA Board of Directors met to discuss the substitute bill and measure the impact of the overwhelming support for the legislation that was becoming more and more apparent. The AOWA Board came to a consensus to take a neutral

position on the bill but express strong concern regarding the need for properly trained and experienced companies installing de-centralized systems. The Board sent a letter to Senator Chambliss to inform him that AOWA would not oppose the bill but expressed the association's strong concern about possible future health and safety ramifications.

Although the language was worked out in the Senate committee, the House bill (HB 483) was the vehicle that was ultimately substituted, passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. As enacted, the law (Act #2021-376) now says that the AOWB cannot license:

- (1) An individual or entity that distributes septic tanks or conventional or engineered onsite sewage systems or onsite wastewater systems.
- (2) An owner of multiple wastewater systems, or a system that is part of a group of wastewater systems under common ownership, with one or more of those systems having a design flow of 15,000 GPD or greater.
- (3) A general contractor licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, with a municipal and utility endorsement, while installing or maintaining wastewater systems as described in subdivision (2).

AOWB Sunset Bill

Another bill that passed this session was the AOWB Sunset Bill. The board was given a two year extension until October 1, 2023, which puts them back on their normal review schedule. AOWB will be audited and reviewed in advance of the 2023 legislative session.

Bills that Died this Session

The bill to increase AOWB's fining authority did not pass this session, after it got caught up in all of the arguments regarding the de-centralized systems. HB 318 by Rep. Kerry Rich would have increased the maximum fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000, allowed for the collection of court costs, and removed the requirement for AOWB to revert revenue to the state's General Fund.

HB 398 by Rep. Howard Sanderford would have removed the requirement for annual transfers by AOWB to the state's General Fund, just as Rep. Rich's bill. Sanderford's bill also included several other boards in his proposal, but the bill did not make it out of the House this session.



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2021 Licensing & Continuing Education Classes

*All 2021 licensing courses and test dates will be held in Montgomery, AL.

Steps to take when registering for a **Basic Installer, Pumper or Manufacturer** licensing class:

1. Fill out the AOWB's Eligibility Application and submit to the AOWB.
2. Wait for approval from the AOWB. (You will be notified by letter)
3. If approved, your approval status will be sent automatically to the AOWA. The AOWA will contact you directly to register you for the next available class, or the class date of your choice.

Class Schedule:

BASIC INSTALLER:

August 16 - 19

AOWB Test Date: August 20

PUMPER:

July 14 - 15

AOWB Test Date: July 16

MANUFACTURER:

Please contact the AOWA office to get registered for the Manufacturers I or II licensing course.

ADVANCED INSTALLER - LEVEL I:

August 2 - 5

AOWB Test Date: August 6

October 25 - 28

AOWB Test Date: October 29

ADVANCED INSTALLER - LEVEL II:

June 14 - 17

AOWB Test Date: June 18

December 6 - 9

AOWB Test Date: December 10

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- Must have installed a minimum of 5 Engineer Designed Septic Systems.

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, mandates, and social distancing; limited registrations will be available. Walk-in registrations will be limited, if available at all. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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October 28

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2021 Online Education

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Dear Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association,

It was a pleasure being able to see you all at the Trade Show in Phenix City, Alabama. It was such a fantastic turnout!

Beginning in June 2021, the Bureau of Environmental Services, Community Environmental Protection Division, will have another option for homeowners for Repairs of Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems. The new addition will allow the property owner, in coordination with an installer, to submit a waiver of a Permit to Install or Repair. The waiver shall be signed and notarized by the property owner and signed by the installer who will perform the repair. The repair shall meet the requirements of Chapter 420-3-1 and a copy of the waiver shall be kept on file at the LHD.

For the past 3 years, we have been working diligently and listening to those with concerns regarding repairs. The repair protocol's purpose is to respond to public health concerns that are reported to the Department and to ascertain and document if the repair is following applicable Alabama Law and the State board of Health Onsite Sewage Treatment and Rules, Chapter 420-3-1, Alabama Admin. Code. While the Department and Local Health Departments strive to be uniform Statewide, installers are encouraged to inform the homeowner to use the waiver as a last resort.

A copy of the latest repair policy can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.org

As always, if you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach our office at (334)206-5373.

Sincerely,

Leigh Salter Willis
Community of Environmental Protection, Director
Bureau of Environmental Services



ADPH Onsite Repair Procedures

Property Owner/Installer Information

This document is intended to help a property owner through the onsite sewage treatment and disposal (OSS) repair process. A repair is defined as a corrective action taken to repair, improve or reestablish a component of an OSS where the design parameters (BOD, flow, etc.) have not changed. This can include the repair or replacement of your septic tank, supply line, or field lines.

However, if all the components of your OSS need to be replaced, this would be considered and replacement and not a repair; which is subject to the permitting requirements of a new OSS.

Maintenance actions such as pumping/cleaning your septic tank, replacing a filter or pump, improving the structural integrity of your tank (new lid, baffle, inlet, or outlet fixture) do not require a Permit to Repair from your local health department (LHD).

Here are the options for repairing an OSS:

Option #1

If the LHD can find the Approval for Use (the authorization to use an OSS) for the existing OSS, the property owner may do the following:

A septic tank or a non-perforated component (solid supply lines, solid headers, crossovers) may be repaired/replaced with a verbal permit from the LHD to an installer. The installer shall contact the LHD on the date of installation and, if applicable, provide the tank number, along with other pertinent information of the repair. If time allows, the LHD may inspect the installation of the tank or non-perforated component. The repair will be documented in the database at the LHD.

If the existing field lines (EDF) are to be repaired, the property owner must contact a soil professional to design or size a repair. The soil professional may perform his/her own tests or use soil data from the original permit if site conditions have not changed. This will require a CEP- 2 application and applicable fee before a Permit to Repair is issued. If new soil data is reported, a CEP-2/3 form must also be submitted.

Option #2

If the Approval for Use is not available, the property owner may do the following:

A septic tank or a non-perforated component (solid supply lines, solid headers, crossovers) may be repaired/replaced after the submission of a signed CEP-2 (first page) with fee, if applicable, to the LHD and a Permit to Repair is issued.

If the existing EDF is to be repaired, the property owner must contact an ADPH Soil Classifier (if available) or a soil professional (professional engineer, professional land surveyor, professional soil classifier, or geologist) for a site evaluation and follow the requirements for a new OSS. A site professional may certify and incorporate certain components of the unapproved system as long as they meet Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Rules.

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Option #3

The property owner, in coordination with an installer, may submit a waiver of a Permit to Repair. The waiver shall be signed and notarized by the property owner and signed by the installer who will perform the repair. When submitting the waiver, the property owner and installer are acknowledging that the LHD is not responsible nor incurs any liability for the repair, the repair work will not be inspected, and an Approval for Use will not be issued. The repair shall still meet the requirements of Chapter 420-3-1 and the installer performing the work shall submit a CEP-5 certifying their work. A copy of the waiver and any accompanying documents shall be kept on file at the LHD.

For more information, please visit our web page at www.alabamapublichealth.org/environmental or contact your local county health department.

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