

**DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL ENTRY
RESCISSION OF APPROVAL OF OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SOIL
EVALUATORS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

The journal entry for approval of other training programs for soil evaluators for sewage treatment systems, dated Oct. 5, 2017, is hereby rescinded. The dates provided in that journal entry for completion of other training programs has expired. This journal entry is effective when signed and remains in effect until withdrawn or superseded by a subsequent journal entry.

Persons who received acknowledgement from the Ohio Department of Health of demonstrated compliance with the criteria outlined in the journal entry dated October 5, 2017 will continue to be permitted to conduct soil evaluations for household sewage treatment systems for a period of two years following the date of this journal entry. In order to conduct soil evaluations for household sewage treatment systems after that time, all persons will be required to meet at least one of the following requirements in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-29-07(A)(1-4):

(A) Soil evaluators shall have the knowledge and experience to facilitate the review of site and soil conditions, information provided by the homeowner, and these rules to identify appropriate areas for the siting of STS or GWRS. Soil evaluators shall be knowledgeable of the requirements of this chapter, available STS technologies, and the science of pedology. Soil evaluations shall be completed by:

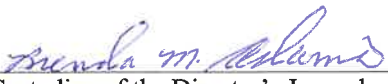
- (1) A soil scientist or soil classifier certified by the soil science society of America (SSSA) completing the soil evaluation while acting as an independent agent of the owner or board of health;
- (2) A SSSA associated professional soil scientist that is supervised by a SSSA certified soil scientist completing the soil evaluation while acting as an independent agent of the owner or board of health;
- (3) A soil professional registered by a state or national organization with equivalent minimum qualifications and/or demonstration of competency for soil evaluation as approved by the director of health;
- (4) A registered sanitarian employed by the board of health having jurisdiction where the soil evaluation is to take place completing the soil evaluation on behalf of the board of health when the employee is determined by the board of health to be capable of meeting the tasks in paragraph (C) of this rule.

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February 13, 2024
Date

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Journal Entry of the Director of the Ohio Department of Health.

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