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**NOTICE TO SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING PROPERTY OWNERS WITH
AEROBIC TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

New regulations affecting maintenance requirements for single family dwelling property owners of aerobic treatment septic systems will become effective **October 1, 2010**. The regulations may be read in their entirety by selecting the **“Rules of Brazoria County for On-Site Sewage Facilities”** available on this website.

Section 10(g) of these regulations specifies that these septic system owners shall either:

- (1) Obtain and maintain a service contract with a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) licensed maintenance company or provider **OR**
- (2) Complete a TCEQ and County approved OSSF maintenance class **OR**
- (3) Hold a valid wastewater Class D License or higher and are certified by the manufacturer for the brand of OSSF you own **OR**
- (4) Provide documentation of maintenance training obtained through a licensed installer from September 1, 2005 until August 30, 2007

Option 1

If you have a current maintenance provider, he/she will provide our department with a copy of your service contract. If you do not yet have a service contract and wish to select this option, please see the **“TCEQ Approved Maintenance Provider”** list as a reference. All maintenance providers must be licensed by TCEQ.

Option 2

Please consult the **“Training Provider”** list if you prefer to take a class and maintain your own septic system. This course must be taken by the property owner. The class is required only once and the trained individual may perform maintenance only on his/her property. Once the class is completed, the property owner must submit a copy of the training certificate, as well as, the **“OSSF Training - Property Owner”** form to the Environmental Health Department.

Exception: A property owner may designate a trained individual to perform his/her maintenance in the event of extenuating circumstances. Please contact our department and see the **“OSSF Training - Property Owner Designee”** form for details.

Option 3

If you have valid wastewater class D license or above and are certified by the manufacturer for the brand of OSSF you own, submit this documentation to our department along with the **“OSSF Training - Property Owner”** form.

Option 4

If you completed a training program with an installer between 9/1/05-8/30/07 and are currently conducting maintenance on the system that was in place on August 30, 2007, your name is already in our database. There are 23 individuals that are eligible under this Option. If you need to confirm this information, please call our office at 979-964-1600.

OWNER MAINTENANCE IS NOT ALLOWED ON COMMERCIAL OR MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES