

**UBCM SEWERAGE SYSTEM REGULATION WORKING GROUP:
ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

	Action	Issue	Agency	Delivery Date	Status	Completed
1.	Homeowner Warranty Protection Program – examine warranty protection for homeowners on installed systems similar to the Homeowner Warranty	Liability	MoH UBCM	On hold pending any changes in policy	MoH examined options with Home Warranty Protection Office and insurance underwriters - warranty protection contingent upon third party audit and enforcement	√
2.	Industry Liability – identify where professional liability for sewerage systems lies, and the extent of industry coverage for system failures	Liability	MoH BCOSSA	Sept.17/07	Completed and distributed at the UBCM Convention	√
3.	Paper Audit – initiate paper audit of filings	Industry Accountability	BCOSSA	Sept.30/07	Preliminary results being reviewed by BCOSSA and will be made available by the end of March	
4.	Onsite Audits – initiate onsite audits following completion of the paper audit	Industry Accountability	MoH APEG ASTTBC	Dependent on the completion of the paper audit	MoH considering the option of conducting onsite audits in 2008	
5.	Issue Life Cycle Analysis – develop a life cycle analysis identifying where each local government issue arises in the design, construction, and installation process	All (Liability)	MOH UBCM	Sept.21/07	MoH completed life cycle analysis.	√
6.	Subdivision Regulation Amendments - draft consequential amendments to update sections of the Subdivision Regulation to meet the intent and outcomes of the Sewerage System Regulation	Liability	MCS	August 18/07	Legislative Counsel has provided MCS a second draft for further review	

7.	Subdivision Regulation Model Bylaw – develop model maintenance and operation bylaw for Type 2 and 3 systems for local governments	Liability	MCS	Sept. 17/07	MCS has developed the components of a draft model bylaw and is currently working with interested LGs on adapting the bylaw to meet LG and provincial needs	
8.	Governance Options – explore options for local government to assume authority for septic systems under Section 8 of the Health Act, as well as non-Section 8 options for those that do not want to assume authority Develop an inspection and audit framework for conducting inspections every five years under each of the governance options	Liability	MOH MCS	Oct.15/07	MoH/MCS have acknowledged that the governance options are feasible and are working on implementation scenarios MCS is willing to provide assistance to LGs for scoping studies on governance options MoH has collected data and is drafting discussion papers on enforcement/auditing frameworks for government review Dedicated MoH staff assigned to these projects	
9.	Rollout of Revised Standard Practice Manual (SPM) – revised SPM to reduce system costs by 10 -15% in some instances	Cost	BCOSSA	Sept. 10/07	SPM completed and BCOSSA has developed a SPM/ cost backgrounder	✓
10.	Communication of Flexibility Provisions – communicate that homeowners can construct and install systems as long as it is done under the supervision of a professional	Flexibility Cost	UBCM APEG	July 10/07	UBCM posted and distributed APEG memo	✓
11.	Regulatory Amendment – explore potential SSR amendment that allows homeowners to contribute more forms of “sweat equity” under the supervision of an ROWP (practitioner)	Flexibility Cost	MOH	Oct.31/07	MoH is currently developing discussion papers for review by government	

12.	<p>Service Provision - examine options for better servicing for system installations in those rural areas lacking authorized persons (region specific and context dependent)</p> <p>BCOSSA/ APEG to provide a list of all authorized persons</p>	Flexibility Cost	MOH HA ASTTBC BCOSSA	August 21/07	<p>ASTTBC is developing a mentorship program and a program backgrounder</p> <p>MoH has worked with BCOSSA on funding individuals to install systems in remote areas lacking any authorized persons</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>
13.	<p>Increase Education and Training of Authorized Persons – increase the number of trained practitioners and professionals through a training partnership with Thompson University, links with the Ministry of Advanced Education, and exploration of online learning options</p> <p>Local governments work to encourage local colleges and institutes to add septic system courses to their curriculum</p>	Lack of Authorized Persons Cost	BCOSSA Local Governments	Ongoing BCOSSA revising course syllabus by Sept.30/07	Ongoing BCOSSA posted additional course training times	<p>✓</p>
14.	Practitioner Brochures – develop brochures outlining the SSR requirements which target practitioners, local governments, homeowners, inspectors	Lack of Communication	ASTTBC	Sept.17/07	Brochure has been printed and UBCM will receive copies for distribution	<p>✓</p>
15.	BCOSSA Outreach – BCOSSA to use the UBCM survey results to help target outreach efforts to those regional districts that have encountered complaints with the SSR or have questions about the Regulation	Lack of Communication	BCOSSA MOH UBCM	Ongoing	BCOSSA is in touch with affected local governments	<p>✓</p>

16.	Public Confidence Document – develop a public confidence document that addresses the specific concerns of each stakeholder (HA, UBCM, authorized persons, and the public); document will include a piece on the cost rationale for systems and identify existing checks and balances and gaps	Lack of Communication	MOH	Sept.21/07	Completed and distributed at the UBCM Convention	✓
17.	Co-ordinated Communications Campaign – develop and execute a co-ordinated communications campaign which identifies policy and regulatory changes taken to address local government concerns Communication campaign to include onsite visits by implementing agencies, SSLC newsletter, use of stakeholder websites	Lack of Communication	MOH BCOSSA UBCM	Pending completion of all action items	Information package distributed at Convention on completed action items Anticipate launch of campaign in Spring following consideration of regulatory amendments MoH has confirmed willingness to fund and participate in the communications campaign UBCM will develop a draft interim update for review by MoH	

Glossary

APEG - Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia

ASTTBC - Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of British Columbia

BCOSSA – British Columbia Onsite Sewage Association

LG – Local Government

MCS – Ministry of Community Services

MoH – Ministry of Community Health