

Alberta Industrial Work Camp/Drill Site Steering Committee Update

Created under the Alberta Onsite Wastewater
Management Association (AOWMA)

Temporary Work Camps/Drill Sites

- * Definitions
 - * Temporary work camps
 - * Drill sites

Need pics

Industrial Work Camp/Drill Site Challenges

- * Industrial work camps present challenges that are not clearly understood outside of the work camp onsite wastewater industry.
- * Site challenges include:
 - * Remote installations
 - * Short-term durations
 - * Potential for high strength effluent
- * Industry challenges include:
 - * Lack of understanding
 - * Lack of accountability
 - * Inadequate training

Steering Committee

- * A steering committee has been created to address these challenges.
 - * Members
- * It has been formed under the larger umbrella of the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA).
- * The committee will work with AOWMA to increase understanding, communication, and accountability between the industry and regulatory authorities.
- * It will also advocate for targeted training opportunities for industrial work camp contractors.

Increase Understanding

- * How can the work camp onsite wastewater industry reach out to this diverse group and effectively communicate the following?
 - * The current regulatory framework
 - * Addendum or section in the next Standard of Practice that relates to work camps and drill sites
 - * Consistent information and messaging
 - * Variance holders already identified
 - * Expand website
 - * Communicate the consequences of non-compliance

Increase Accountability

- * Gina to add pic but missing a pic still that shows trenches behind wellsite shack. We have, just have to find.

Increase Accountability

- * A more accountable industry can be created through:
 - * A requirement that companies supply their selection of approved containment or treatment on the lease application
 - * Increased reporting
 - * Increased enforcement

Targeted Training

- * Training specific to the work camp/drill site industry should be incorporated into the current training program.
- * This training should include information on:
 - * Work camp/drill site definitions and acronyms
 - * Outline of the current permitting process
 - * Regulatory requirements
 - * Requirement adaptations for camps of differing sizes
 - * Soils for work camps – winter considerations
 - * System design component that incorporates the specific limitations or work camps/drill sites

Recommended Action

- * The Steering Committee to open dialogue with Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to effect positive change for the work camp/drill site industry sector.
- * The AOWMA to work with the Steering Committee to address deficiencies in the current training program with regards to this industry sector.

Background

- * The Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) is the provincial not-for-profit association focused on the professionalization of the onsite wastewater industry through training, certification and advocacy. Since 1998, the AOWMA has worked to support positive regulatory change for the protection of public health and the environment.