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BERKSHIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

October 3, 2016

Dear Septic Installers,

BCBOHA is pleased to announce its Certified Septic Installer Fall/Spring 2017/18 courses. As many of you may know, BCBOHA recertification courses are now coordinated by Allison Hope. Please feel free to contact Allison with any questions at info@bcboha.org or (413) 442-1521, x36. Please note that BCBOHA is currently located in the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)'s offices.

Taking an approved class extends your septic installer certification through March 2019. If your Installer's Card is more than 3 years out-of-date, you may have to re-take the New-Certification Course, offered in February 2018. If you missed renewing your Installer's Certification last year, you may take two classes this year. If you missed two years, you will need to take 3 classes. If you have any questions about your status, you can check online, email or call us. You must either attend a Recertification Course through BCBOHA or provide documentation that an alternative approved course was attended and pay the recertification fee every year in order to maintain your Septic Installer Certification. This flyer and information on these and other classes can be accessed anytime on our website, www.bcboha.org. Please note that you should always enter the entire website address into your search bar (www.bcboha.org) rather than just searching for BCBOHA, and then click on the link from our webpage. Otherwise older documents sometimes come up in the search. All information on the actual website should be up to date.

The fees for classes remains \$40 for recertification and \$145 for the New Certification Course. BCBOHA will be using an on-line registration program called Eventbrite for all classes. The link to the Eventbrite registration for each course is located on the next page (note that the link is different for each class). You may either pay by credit card on Eventbrite, or you may indicate that you plan to pay by check (use the pulldown menu under payment & click other options, then pay by check). If you are paying by check, it must be mailed to us prior to the class, payable to BCBOHA, at 1 Fenn St, Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201. If you are unable to access Eventbrite or are having trouble registering, please contact Allison to walk you through the process.

We ask that you **submit your registration at least one week prior to the class** for which you are registering. All registrations must be done through Eventbrite. We will be handing out cards at the time of the class rather than mailing them out as in previous years, so due to limited space and the need to print cards ahead of time, walk-ins will no longer be accepted. **If you don't have enough time to submit your registration, please call 413-442-1521 x 36 and leave a message or email info@bcboha.org and let us know you plan to attend.** Use Eventbrite to register for all courses sponsored by BCBOHA. Use the Recertification Credit Request form included in this letter only to submit documentation of attendance at a non-BCBOHA course. Do not use it to register for a BCBOHA-sponsored course.

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Not sure if you are currently certified? Check our website: (www.bcboha.org), send us an email: (info@bcboha.org), or call Allison at 413-442-1521 x 36. Once your request has been received and processed, a new certification card will be sent if you did not receive it the night of the class. Please allow two weeks before contacting us to check on your request. We will update the current Installer's list on our website after each class.

Once again, for the convenience of our installers who are also certified through NEIWPC as soil evaluators or system inspectors, we will be applying for continuing education credits (TCHs) through NEIWPC. We expect, but cannot guarantee, that 2 TCH will be awarded for each class. If you are looking for SE or SI credits, you will receive documentation of attendance the night of the class. Please note that you must still provide copies to NEIWPC – BCBOHA is not affiliated with NEIWPC in any way. If you are not also a BCBOHA certified septic installer, you may still attend the class for SE/SI credits, as long as you register and pay ahead of time. If you are attending only for SE/SI credits we suggest calling us ahead of time to ensure that the approval for credits has been received.

If you have ideas or requests for training classes next season, let us know and we will try to arrange an appropriate training. We look forward to serving Boards of Health and you the professionals who help ensure the requirements of the Title 5 code are met using best practices and products.

Sincerely,

Allison Hope

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2016 -2017 RECERTIFICATION COURSES

Septic Systems and Their Carbon Footprint + Updates from Infiltrator – Approval expected for 2.0 TCH for SE/SI

Date and Time: Monday, December 11th, 2017, **5-7 PM**

Location: North Adams City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, Room 202, North Adams, MA 01247

Instructor: Dennis F. Hallahan, P.E., Infiltrator Systems

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: <https://dec11-bcboha.eventbrite.com>

AdvanTex Residential and Small Commercial Installation, Operation, and Management- Approval expected for 2.0 TCH for SE/SI

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, **5-7 PM**

Location: Lenox Town Hall, 6 Walker Street, Lenox, MA 01240

Instructor: Green Wastewater Solutions Staff and Orenco

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: <https://jan10-bcboha.eventbrite.com>

Hazards and Safety on the Job – Approval expected for 2.0 TCH for SE/SI

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 **6-8PM**

Location: Great Barrington Fire Department Meeting Room, 37 State Road, Great Barrington, MA 02130

Instructor: TBA

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: <https://feb13-bcboha.eventbrite.com>

Septic Systems and Residential Landscapes - Approval expected for 2.0 TCH for SE/SI

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, **6-8PM**

Location: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Conference Room, 1 Fenn Street, Suite 201, Pittsfield, Ma 01201

Instructor: TBA

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: <https://march14-bcboha.eventbrite.com>

In case of inclement weather, please call (413)442-1521, x 15 to find out if the class has been cancelled. We will attempt to reach anyone registered, if we have a current phone number or email address. Snow dates will be scheduled at that time.

NEW CERTIFICATION COURSE*

(Currently approved for 5.0 contact TCH for SE/SI)

Night 1: Monday, February 26th, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Night 2: Wednesday, February 28th, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Night 3 (review and test): Monday, March 5th, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Snow Date Makeup Night: Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 from 5:30-8:30 PM

Location: 1 Fenn St. 3rd floor boardroom, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Instructor: Brent White, White Engineering, Inc.

* **Note:** You must attend all three nights and pass a test on the third night. Classes start promptly.

* **Note:** Registration begins at 5:15 PM, bring a calculator, ruler, pencil, and paper to each class.

* **Note:** Light refreshments will be available at 5:15 in the location of the class.

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: <https://bcboha-cert.eventbrite.com>

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Installer Recertification Credit for Non-BCBOHA courses

Do not use this form to register for a BCBOHA re-certification class. Please use the links above.

At the request of many installers and boards of health, we are highlighting several online trainings that are suitable for recertification. **You may only use an online course or an approved course from another provider every two years**, meaning that if you took an online training last year, you must take an in-person training this year. In order to receive credit for a **non-BCBOHA course**:

- Fill out the form below
- Attach a photocopy of the course participation certificate (or some other piece of information that verifies you attended a course—e.g., contact information from the instructor so we can verify your attendance, etc.)
- Attach a \$40.00 check made out to BCBOHA
- Send all these materials to: BCBOHA, 1 Fenn St. Ste. 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201

BCBOHA Septic Installer Recertification Credit Request

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

Course Taken: _____

Date Taken: _____ Location: _____

APPROVED ONLINE COURSES

Wastewater and Title 5

This module focuses on the on-site treatment and disposal of wastewater with total design flows less than 10,000 gallons per day (gpd). Large on-site systems (> 10,000 gpd), sewer systems, and certain industrial and agricultural wastewater have unique contaminants and concerns and their own set of regulations generally enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The State Environmental Code (310 CMR 15.000), commonly referred to as Title 5, specifies the requirements for siting, constructing, inspecting, upgrading, and/or expanding on-site systems and for transporting and disposing of septage. **To take this online training**, click or go to: <http://sites.bu.edu/masslocalinstitute/2012/06/20/wastewater-and-title-5/>

Presby Environmental: Enviro-Septic Wastewater Treatment

Liquid that exits from a septic tank (effluent) contains suspended solids that cause other types of leaching systems to fail. Solids overload bacteria, cut off aeration required for bacterial activity, and seal the underlying soil. This wastewater treatment system retains solids in its pipe and provides multiple bacterial surfaces to treat effluent prior to its contact with the soil. **To take this online training**, click or go to: <http://presbyeco.com/classes-certifications/ma-classes-and-certifications/>

If you want to use another course or class, please send us details so we can review the materials/class.