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## **Staffing Changes at NDEQ**

The Onsite Section is happy to announce two new people joining the section. Tricia Scott is the new Staff Assistant to the section. She replaces Mary Wilson, who is now part time. Tricia comes to us from another section in the agency. Mark Lohnes also joins the section from another section of the agency. Mark will work as a Program Specialist on compliance and technical assistance issues, along with Nia. Please welcome them both.

#### **Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities**

All certified professionals are required to complete 12 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) during the twoyear certification cycle, in order to renew their certification (unless you first became certified in 2017, then for the first renewal cycle the required PDH is 6). Below is a list of the training that has been approved for PDH by NDEQ for the remainder of 2017.

Date	Location	Topic	Registration Information	Approved PDH
09/19/2017	North Platte	OSHA	NOWWA 402-476-0162	6
09/20/2017	Grand Island	OSHA	NOWWA 402-476-0162	6
09/21/2017	Lincoln	OSHA	NOWWA 402-476-0162	6
10/10/2017	Ogallala	Focus on Trouble Shooting	NOWWA 402-476-0162	6
10/12/2017	Norfolk	Focus on Trouble Shooting	NOWWA 402-476-0162	6

#### **Certification Renewals**

All certifications expire December 31, 2017. NDEQ will mail renewal forms out in November. Please make sure we have your correct contact information. You can check the information NDEQ has on file for you on our website.

## **Construction Permits**

If a construction permit is issued by NDEQ, the system must be installed as permitted; NO changes are allowed to the design without prior written approval from NDEQ.

## **Upcoming Activities**

NDEQ staff and members of the Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee will be reviewing and updating the certification exams for the next certification period (2018 – 2019) over the next several months. Please contact Mark Bauer if you have any question or ideas about past questions, or items that may need additional emphasis on the certification exams.

NDEQ staff and members of the Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee will also be reviewing and proposing updates and modifications to the Title 124 regulations for consideration during 2018. These revisions will range from simple corrections to major updates of items such as: design of alternative treatment systems, mound system design, inspections, etc. As details of the proposed revisions are developed, NDEQ will distribute them for review and comments.

# IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

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