

## All Wisconsin counties will now do review of small wastewater holding tanks

Wisconsin county officials will do pre-installation review of plans for small wastewater holding tanks as of October 1, 2008. Tanks of less than 3000 gallons per day of estimated flow that are based completely on approved private onsite wastewater treatment system (POWTS) manuals must be submitted for county review as of that date, and will no longer be accepted by the Safety and Buildings Division for review.

There are variations in the POWTS Code, Comm 83, as to where different types of POWTS plans are submitted for review, mainly focusing on submittals to the state Safety and Buildings Division, or submittals to counties that are appointed agents of S&B for review purposes. There has been one type of plan review that has been submitted to all counties, not just appointed agent counties - review of POWTS for one- and two-family dwellings that are based on conventional in-ground soil absorption component design manuals.

On October 1, 2008, the smaller holding tanks review described above, and in Comm Table 83.22-3, become the second type that is always submitted to the local county and not to the state.

See memo from S&B POWTS Program Manager Roman Kaminski about this and other October 1 POWTS changes.

See adopted draft of October 1 POWTS changes.