

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Proposed Amendments

Note: The Department has decided to not move forward with these amendments at this time.

R.61-55, Septic Tank Evaluation Fees

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

The Department proposes amending R.61-55, Septic Tank Evaluation Fees to adjust application fees and correct and amend definitions. The revision would include an increase in fees, allow for a new expedited permitting process with associated fees, and application fees would be related to the particular service performed. This revision is needed to update the fees to an appropriate level for implementing the program. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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R.61-56.1, License To Construct Or Clean Onsite Sewage Treatment And Disposal Systems And Self-Contained Toilets

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Summary:

The Department proposes to amend R.61-56.1, License to Construct or Clean Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and Self-Contained Toilets to remove the licensure of onsite wastewater system installers, and rededicate R.61-56.1 for the licensure of septage pumpers and haulers. The licensure of onsite wastewater system installers will be moved to R. 61-56.2, Licensing of Onsite Wastewater Systems Master Contractors, in a separate amendment being proposed in the S.C. State Register concurrently with this amendment of R.61-56.1. Placing these requirements into separate regulations will provide the public and regulated entities with more clarity and easier search capabilities. The revision would include an increase in fees to an appropriate level for implementing the program. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and

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R.61-56.2, Licensing Of Onsite Wastewater Systems Master Contractors

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Summary:

The Department proposes to amend R.61-56.2, Licensing of Onsite Wastewater Systems Master Contractors, to include the requirements for all installers that construct onsite wastewater (septic) systems. Among other requirements, the revision will include continuing educational requirements and a tiered system of installers with associated tiered fees. To assist the industry in meeting the requirements for continuing education and ensure adequate and appropriate courses are available, the Department is proposing a delayed implementation of the continuing educational units' ("CEU") requirement to be phased into the program three years after passage of the regulation. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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