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May 24, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Septage Pumper Qualification Requirements

Liquid Waste Regulation 20.7.3.904.D (New Mexico Administrative Code) states:

“D. Septage pumpers.

(1) Septage pumpers shall demonstrate familiarity with applicable regulations and demonstrate competence in locating and exposing septic tanks, measuring septic sludge and scum levels, the complete pumping of septic tank sludge, maintenance of pumping equipment in a sanitary condition, prevention of pathogen transmission and preparation of an appropriate safety plan for normal operations.

(2) Septage pumpers shall maintain his or her equipment to ensure no sewage spills occur during transport or storage and that his or her employees or the public are not subjected to undue health hazards.”

Therefore, by January 15, 2013, all persons who pump septage must have successfully completed either:

1. The National Association of Waste Transporters (NAWT) Vacuum Truck Technician Training Certification Program; or
2. An equivalent training and certification program as approved by the New Mexico Environment Department.

The NAWT Vacuum Truck Technician Training and Certification Program is available in live classroom settings at various locations in the United States, and also can be taken online. The online program presently costs \$175 and can be self-paced with up to 6 months to complete the training and obtain certification <http://www.nawt.org/training/training.shtml#4>.

An application form to become qualified as a septage pumper in the State of New Mexico is attached. Effective January 15, 2013, at least one qualified person must be onsite during every septage pumping operation.

Your compliance with these septage pumper qualification requirements will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please call me at 505-476-3236, or write to the address above, or send me an email at dennis.mcquillan@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Dennis McQuillan

Dennis McQuillan
Liquid Waste Program Manager



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Application for Septage Pumper Qualification

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____



Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers of Permitted Septage Disposal Facilities that You Use:



Please attach copy of NAWT Vacuum Truck Technician Certificate, or Certificate from equivalent training program.



Signature

Date