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The Onsite Wastewater Program has updated the system used to manage registered professional data. With the adoption of ESRI's ArcGIS software, the program will be better equipped to manage its data and workflows. This is the same software currently in use to complete childcare inspections in the Bureau's Environmental Child Care Program.

The most observable change to Environmental Health Specialists, industry, and the public can be seen with respect to how individuals sign up for DHSS' Onsite Wastewater training courses. Interested persons can independently review available courses and sign up for training at <https://health.mo.gov/living/environment/onsite/calendar.php>. Environmental Health Specialists are encouraged to review the registration process for familiarity and continue to coach others as to what courses may be right for them just as they have in the past. It will be especially helpful for Environmental Health Specialists to remind interested persons that the Basic Installer's Course is a prerequisite to the Advanced Installer's Course, as the new system does not yet assess completion of prerequisites.

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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' vision is optimal health and safety for all Missourians, in all communities, for life.

State and local Environmental Health Specialists interested in attending the Basic and Advanced Installer's course can do so at no charge, but must contact program staff at owtscourses@health.mo.gov first in order to avoid paying fees.

ArcGIS enhancements to the onsite wastewater permit application process are being finalized and are expected to be rolled out later this year. An Informational Release regarding that update will be released when the system is live and when other major enhancements are implemented.