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By e-mail:

Environmental Health Directors
Idaho Public Health Districts

Subject: Extension of Refresher Training for Current Subsurface Sewage Disposal System
Installers and Service Providers due to COVID-19

Dear Environmental Health Directors:

Pursuant to IDAPA 58.01.03.006.03, "installers and service providers shall attend at least one (1) refresher course approved by the state of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, every three (3) years." Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated difficulty of holding refresher courses, all refresher course due dates for installers and service providers are extended for one additional year.

This extension only applies to the required 3-year refresher training. Installer registration permits and service provider certifications still expire annually on the first (1st) day of January (IDAPA 58.01.03.006.03) and must be renewed with the health districts. This extension does not apply to the first-time training of prospective installers. No license will be issued to prospective installers without appropriate training.

DEQ will re-assess the situation in 2022 and decide if additional extensions are necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Anne Nelson".

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