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A Note from the MSO President

Greetings MSO Members!

I hope this letter finds you all in the middle of the busiest season ever! Summer is upon us and so is the hot weather. Remember to keep water on hand to stay hydrated and keep cool. Technology is amazing. There are so many things out there to help us stay cool. Some of my technicians added fan belts, cooling towels, battery operated job site fans, and pop ups to block the sun! Every little bit helps.

Go America! 250 years young and surviving. As you head off to summer celebrations, barbeques, and long lake weekends, remember to drive, boat, and party responsibly. Designate a driver or consider an Uber! Your life is worth it.

Have you been considering getting more involved with Missouri Small Flows but not sure you are ready to commit to a board seat? We would love for you to join a committee! We have several to choose from. Reach out to Tammy or any one of our board members to get information to find the best committee for you. Most of our meetings are on zoom and last 30 minutes to 60 minutes. It's a great way to put forth your ideas and develop relationships with other industry professionals.

How about those Cardinals!! SPRINGFIELD Cardinals that is! MSO is hosting a member appreciation night at the Springfield Cardinals again this year. We have held this event the last few years and it's a lot of fun. The ticket price is \$30. The event will be August 29, 2026, and the seats are in the Champions Club. Food and most beverages are included. Bring your family and enjoy a great ball game and even better company.

January is right around the corner. Before you know it, you will be getting that email containing instructions to register for our annual conference January 18-20, 2027, at Margaritaville at Lake of the Ozarks. This year's conference was so much fun and offered a fresh change of venue. If you didn't attend, please consider coming in 2027! We will be offering a business track loaded with classes to not only help maintain your business, but help you grow it. We are working on a great line up of speakers and topics so stay tuned!

So, to recap, enjoy your summer, stay cool and hydrated, be safe, and I hope to see you in August at the ball game and again in January at the conference!

Sincerely,
Your FAVORITE president, Jessica Wood

Big News for Missouri's Onsite Wastewater Industry: Senate Bill 914 Becomes Law

By Tammy Trantham, MSO Executive Director

After years of advocacy and industry involvement, Missouri has enacted major onsite wastewater updates that will shape site evaluations, permitting, and professional practice across the state.

Missouri's onsite wastewater industry reached an important milestone this spring with the passage of Senate Bill 914, which Governor Mike Kehoe signed into law on May 6, 2026. The bill represents the result of years of steady work to modernize how onsite wastewater systems are evaluated and permitted. It is also a moment to recognize the leadership of Representative Bill Falkner and Senator Kurtis Gregory, whose support helped move the measure across the finish line.

For members and stakeholders who would like to read the legislation directly, the full bill text is available here:

<https://www.senate.mo.gov/BillTracking/Bills/BillInformation?year=2026&billid=542>

At the center of the new law is a major shift away from traditional percolation testing. Through December 31, 2026, percolation tests may still be accepted on a limited basis when a soil morphology evaluation cannot be reasonably obtained. Beginning January 1, 2027, however, onsite wastewater treatment system evaluations will move to soil morphology reports prepared by qualified professionals. For industry, that means a more current, soil-based approach to evaluating sites and a clear timeline for transition.



Nick Dykes, Dykes Construction and Curtis Cluckey, Infiltrator Water Technologies testified at the House of Representatives hearing in Jefferson City.



Tammy Trantham, MSO Executive Director & Eric Folks, Infiltrator Water Technologies testified at the Senate Hearing in Jefferson City.

Senate Bill 914 Becomes Law Cont'd

As this transition moves forward, MSO is working alongside industry professionals to help expand the number of certified onsite soil evaluators available across Missouri. That effort will be important for homeowners, installers, and contractors who need access to qualified services in their area. The current Department of Health and Senior Services mapping page remains a helpful resource for checking evaluator availability by county:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/5c6151e541b74668bbaad632725224fe>

Senate Bill 914 also changes how permit fees may be set for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Onsite Wastewater Program. Rather than relying on a fixed fee structure, the law allows the department to establish reasonable fees tied to the actual cost of administering permits and inspections. This change will matter most in areas regulated directly by Missouri DHSS and in contract counties operating under that structure. MSO will continue working with DHSS as implementation moves ahead and will keep members informed as additional guidance becomes available.

Just as important, this legislative success reflects the many voices that helped support it. MSO extends sincere thanks to the members, professionals, and supporters who submitted testimony, traveled to the Capitol, and helped make the case for modernization. Their involvement made a difference, and their continued engagement will be just as important as Missouri moves into the next phase of implementation.

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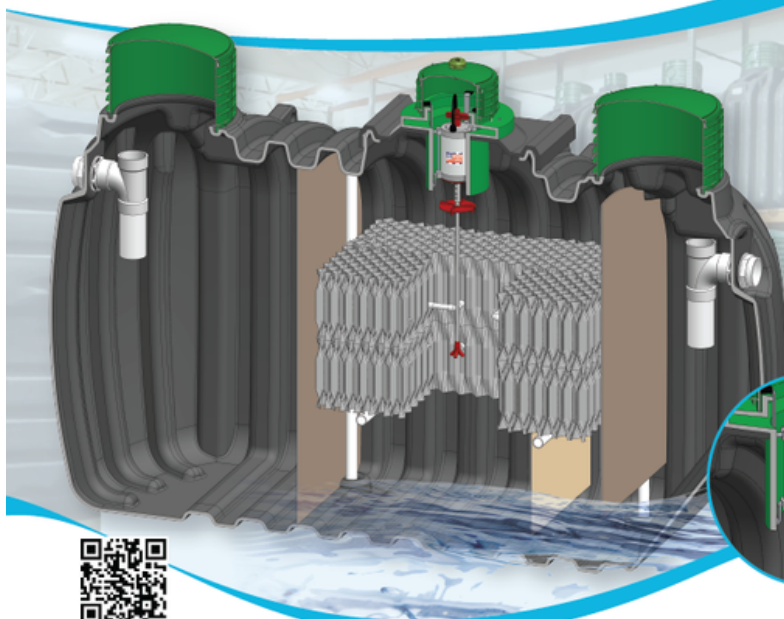
Hi! My name is Sarah Leckrone. I'm Tammy's new Executive Assistant. I'm excited to take on this new role at MSO, and I'm looking forward to learning more about this industry!

I got my bachelor's degree in environmental science at Evangel University in 2021. After graduating, I spent some time in the wedding industry and the architectural/interior design industry, although my passion has always been about nature and how people connect with it.

Here are a few fun facts about me! I'm a 2016 GLADE alumni, which is where I first met Tammy. I currently have two cats and a variety of reptiles, insects, and tarantulas. I'm looking forward to the day I get a dog! I volunteer at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and at the Roston Native Butterfly House. If you ever see me out volunteering, be sure to say hi!



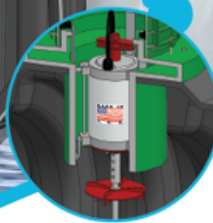
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MSO Board Member Spotlight - Joey Meinert



How long have you been a member of Missouri Smallflows Organization?

I have been a member of MSO since 2023

Why did you join MSO and the Board of Directors?

I joined MSO as part of my master's degree in soil science which looked at developing classes for new soil evaluators and for maintaining CEUs. I hope as a member of the board I can help keep education as a primary focus of our organization and work to make sure that we are taking care of the fascinating ecosystems of Missouri.

Where is your company located and why type of wastewater work do you do?

I am based out of St. Louis and focus on soil evaluations and soil mapping. I typically will do work within 2–2.5 hours of St. Louis.

What do you like most about working in the onsite wastewater industry?

I like how varied the work is. Every site is different. Every soil is different. It's good to be outside and see such a wide variety of Missouri.

If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose?

I've already had great mentors in my dad, Dennis Meinert, and Kerry Clark, from the University of Missouri. I really couldn't have had better people helping me get into this field of work.

What's one thing – either industry related or not – you learned in the last month?

I learned the different seed sizes of Shellbark vs Shagbark hickories to help identify them in the field. Industry: I had a great example of how different soils can be and to always check your work. We dug a pit for a lagoon and had a fragipan but some very good clays beneath that for a lagoon. The homeowner wanted the lagoon about 30 ft down slope on a pretty gentle long back slope. I thought it would be completely fine, but the installer and I had time and thought that we might as well dig another pit just in case. Low and behold there was sandstone bedrock at 30 inches. This was a great example not to assume that even over short distances that the soils can't change.

Board Member Spotlight Cont'd

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

I used to work as a fourth grade teacher at a German Immersion School in Minnesota.

Tell us about one work site that gave you a big challenge and you had to be innovative to meet your goals.

Many of the smaller lots can be very difficult. We had a site on .5 acres and a private well located smack dab in the middle of the back yard. It's good to see how regulators, engineers, installers, and the homeowner can work together to try and figure out the best solution in a difficult situation.

*Thank you Joey for your dedication to the wastewater industry
and for your work on the MSO Board!*



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Onsite Soil Evaluators: 0, Perc Tester: 0
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Member Price: \$150 Non-member price: \$350

June 26th, 2026

Drip Irrigation

Location: Springfield, MO - Springfield DNR
Class Times: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
DHSS General CEUs: 6.5
Select: Basic: 0, Advanced: 6.5, Inspector: 6.0
Onsite Soil Evaluators: 4.0, Perc Tester: 2.0
DNT Wastewater CEUs: 6.5
Member price: \$150 Non-member price: \$350

July 23rd, 2026

Aerated Treatment Units

Location: Camdenton, MO - Mid-County Fire Dept
Class Times: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DHSS General CEUs: 7.0
Select: Basic: 7.0, Advanced: 7.0, Inspectors: 5.0
Onsite Soil Evaluators: 0, Perc Tester: 0
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July 24th, 2026

Earthen Structures & Above-Ground Dispersal Methods

Location: Camdenton, MO - Mid-County Fire Dept
Class Times: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DHSS General CEUs: 6.5
Select: Basic: 3.5, Advanced: 4.0, Inspectors: 3.0
Onsite Soil Evaluators: 1.5, Perc Tester: 0.0
DNR Wastewater CEUs: 6.5
Member Price: \$150 Non-member price: \$350

August 6th, 2026

Troubleshooting Onsite Systems

Location: West Plains, MO - First Freewill Baptist Church
Class Times: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DHSS General CEUs: 6.5
Select: Basic: 4.0, Advanced: 6.5, Inspectors: 6.5
Onsite Soil Evaluators: 0, Perc Tester: 0
DNR Wastewater CEUs: 6.5
Member Price: \$150 Non-member price: \$350

August 7th, 2026

Earthen Structures & Above-Ground Dispersal Methods

Location: West Plains, MO - First Freewill Baptist Church
Class Times: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DHSS General CEUs: 6.5
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DHSS General CEUs: 6.5
Select: Basic: 0, Advanced: 6.5, Inspector: 6.0
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August 21st, 2026

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August 27th, 2026

Realtor Class: Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

This class is for Realtors with the goal of educating real estate professionals about onsite wastewater treatment systems. It will provide 3 Elective CE's for MREC. Please register through our sponsor's website for this course.

[Additional information and link on the MSO website's calendar.](#)

Location: Southern Gateway Association - 1505 Astra Way - Arnold, MO 63010
Phone: (636) 282-0175
Class Times: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

September 2nd, 2026

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Location: Cape Girardeau, MO - Cape G Health Dept.
Class Times: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DHSS General CEUs: 7.0
Select: Basic: 7.0, Advanced: 7.0, Inspectors: 5.0
Onsite Soil Evaluators: 0, Perc Tester: 0
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September 3rd, 2026

Types of Drainfields & Water Management

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Tips from the Field

Buyer Beware—Skipping a Septic Inspection Is a Gamble No Homebuyer Should Take

Written by Douglas Hurrelbrink, Licensed Inspector, Austin's Pumping Service

In the rush to buy a home, people scrutinize countertops, roofs, and closing costs, yet too often ignore one of the most expensive and least visible systems on the property: the septic system. That is a mistake. A failing septic system does not advertise itself with a fresh coat of paint or a polite disclosure. It hides underground, quietly waiting to turn a dream purchase into a financial and logistical nightmare. Buyers who skip a septic inspection are not saving money; they are gambling with it.

The case for inspection is simple: what cannot be seen can still cost you dearly. Leaking tanks, failing drain fields, root intrusion, improper installation, and years of neglect may not be obvious during a showing, but they can leave a new owner facing repairs that run into the thousands—or even tens of thousands—of dollars. A professional inspection offers something every buyer deserves before signing on the dotted line: facts. It can show whether the system was properly permitted, correctly sized, routinely maintained, and still operating as it should. Just as important, it gives buyers leverage to demand repairs, negotiate a lower price, or walk away from a bad deal altogether. For a cost that is modest compared with the price of a home, a septic inspection is not an optional extra; it is basic due diligence. If we believe buyers should be protected from avoidable financial harm, then the answer is obvious: no one should purchase a property with a septic system without having it inspected first.



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2026 Scholarship Recipients

2026 Daryl Brock Memorial Scholarship Recipients

The Daryl Brock Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to support the higher education goals of members' children, dependents, nieces, nephews, or grandchildren. This scholarship honors the legacy of Daryl Brock, whose work and dedication greatly contributed to improving Missouri's onsite wastewater industry.

For the 2026 scholarship cycle, two applications were received and reviewed by an independent panel with no personal connection to the applicants. Both students were selected as deserving recipients of this year's award. Each recipient will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to support their studies during the 2026–2027 academic year.

Scholarship Recipients



Delaney Coggin, daughter of Seth Coggin, graduated from Ozark High School. She plans to attend Missouri State University to study Elementary Education. We congratulate Delaney and wish her continued success in her academic journey.



Lorelai Kuecker, daughter of Trent Kuecker, graduated from University of Missouri High School. She plans to attend Iowa State University to pursue a degree in Entrepreneurship. We congratulate Lorelai and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

**Congratulations to both scholarship recipients
on this outstanding achievement!**



Emerging Professionals

Written by Evelyn Mann, On-Site Soils, Chairperson of Emerging Professionals Committee

The MSO Emerging Professionals Committee is a new committee which seeks to support early career professionals working in the growing on-site wastewater industry. As the industry expands, so does the necessity for seasoned professionals. We aim to create opportunities for collaboration to strengthen our ability to serve customers with professionalism, knowledge, and integrity. This Committee provides a space for emerging professionals to ask questions, share experiences, and develop professional relationships. We are committed to building a network of support to ensure that the future of the on-site wastewater industry is in capable hands. Though the details cannot be revealed at this time, we will be hosting an event at the 2027 MSO Conference and are excited to congregate with our peers!



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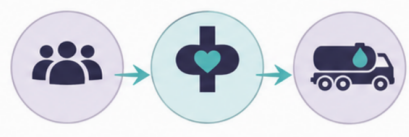
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MSO Expands Realtor Education with Inspection Process Classes

By Tammy Trantham, MSO Executive Director

The Missouri Smallflows Organization (MSO) is helping Realtors better understand the inspection and evaluation process for onsite wastewater treatment systems through a new three-hour continuing education course approved by the Missouri Real Estate Commission. After becoming an accredited school with MREC, MSO launched the class to give real estate professionals a clearer picture of what to expect when a home requires this type of inspection and how to better guide clients through the process.

MSO hosted a successful class in Springfield on May 27th, where attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, learn about the inspection process step by step, and explore homeowner resources they can share with clients. With additional sessions already scheduled, MSO encourages members and partners to help spread the word so more Realtors can take advantage of this valuable training opportunity.

Upcoming Realtor Seminar Sessions

The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems for Realtors Seminar is a three-hour course approved for **3 elective continuing education credits through MREC.**

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Residential Housing Rule

Have you heard of Missouri's Residential Housing Development (RHD) Rule, otherwise known as the "Subdivision Rule"?

Did you know that the RHD Rule requires developers of all new subdivision developments with as few as seven lots, each lot less than five acres in size, to obtain written approval from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) for the method of wastewater handling and disposal prior to the sale, lease, or commencement of construction on any of those lots, regardless of whether the subdivision is intended for recreational use only, permanent residency, or both?

Did you know that the RHD Rule also requires developers of any existing subdivisions who expand the existing development by three lots or more, if those lots are less than five acres in size each, to obtain written MoDNR approval for the method of wastewater handling and disposal prior to the sale, lease or commencement of construction on any of those lots in the subdivision expansion. Again, this is regardless of whether the subdivision is intended for recreational use only, permanent residency, or both?

If you answered "no" to any of the three questions above, you're not alone. Many professional residential developers in Missouri who've been in business for decades are unaware that state regulations require oversight from MoDNR for the method of wastewater handling and treatment during the development of subdivisions. For all subdivisions subject to the RHD Rule, developers must coordinate with MoDNR to ensure the RHD Rule is satisfied before jurisdiction may be passed to either the local county regulatory authorities (i.e., your local county health departments) or to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program. These agencies have the authority to permit the installation of any individual onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) serving a single-family residential property, but only after MoDNR has passed the figurative regulatory oversight "baton" to them.

Codified in the Code of State Regulations at 10 CSR 20-6.030, the RHD Rule has been effective since June 30, 1974. That's right, it's been in effect for more than 50 years. During that time, it's gone through several revisions, with the most current version becoming effective March 30, 1999. A minor additional amendment that became effective January 30, 2025, added a new provision called "Alternative Determination," discussed further below.

The RHD Rule establishes the requirements for all subdivisions subject to the RHD Rule, regardless of whether the subdivision is intended for recreational use only, permanent residency, or a combination of the two. But, despite the RHD Rule being effective for over five decades here in Missouri, subdivisions throughout that time have been established by developers – often property investors, but sometimes simple contractors – without first obtaining MoDNR's written approval for the method of wastewater handling and disposal. Consequently, a significant number of subdivisions in the state have unapproved and insufficient methods of wastewater handling and disposal for individual property owners. This in turn creates the potential risk of contaminated groundwater that supplies drinking water wells serving individual properties or even entire communities.



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Residential Housing Rule Cont'd

But the purpose of the RHD Rule is not solely to protect groundwater; it also seeks to prevent the very real threat to human health and the environment caused by insufficiently designed, constructed, and installed individual OWTs that are not compatible with the geology, soils, topography, and restrictions unique to each subdivision lot that requires certain setback distances.

At this point, you may be asking yourself how this problem was created and how it affects you. At MoDNR, we are asking how do we fix it? Ultimately, the solution will come from all of us working together.

Looking back, the problem of unapproved subdivisions in Missouri began with a widespread lack of knowledge or understanding of the state regulations, local county health department ordinances, and how they differ and work in conjunction with each other. The problem continues today for the same reasons. There remains a general misunderstanding of state regulations and local ordinances governing wastewater handling and disposal in subdivisions.

This problem can be addressed by making it a point as a part of your profession to fully understand all state and local requirements, reaching out to regulatory agencies to ask questions, and educating your customers and other professionals in relevant industries, all of which will help increase compliance with the RHD Rule.

But what about the already-existing subdivisions that are now fully developed but never had a method of wastewater handling and disposal approved by MoDNR before all the lots were sold to homeowners? As mentioned above, MoDNR has attempted to address this in part by adding the new RHD Rule provision called “Alternative Determination.”

Effective January 30, 2025, the Alternative Determination process is an optional pathway for individual property owners – not developers – who own property in an otherwise unapproved subdivision to obtain a conditional allowance from MoDNR as a substitute to the required method approval, for their own individual OWTs. In many cases, this will require upgrades to existing OWTs, or full replacement with an engineered, advanced OWTs. This is where coordination and cooperation with industry professionals like OWTs installers, contractors and local health department officials is vitally important. By working together, we can reduce the number of unapproved subdivisions in Missouri and we can provide solutions for individuals who have unwittingly bought a lot in an unapproved subdivision, while at the same time protecting their investment, human health and the environment.

So, before agreeing to install or permit the installation of an individual OWTs in a subdivision, take a moment to do some due diligence. Reach out to MoDNR to find out if that subdivision is exempt from the RHD Rule requirements or if the subdivision received MoDNR’s written approval for the method of wastewater handling and disposal. If neither are true, the subdivision is unapproved. A little extra effort on the front end can help in a big way; not just for you but also for the regulatory agencies protecting human health and the environment and, ultimately, for individual property owners who rely on us—the industry professionals—to do right by them and their property investment.

For any questions you may have on the requirements of the RHD Rule, please reach out to MoDNR at RHD@dnr.mo.gov.



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