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### Compliance Inspections

NDEQ will conduct compliance assurance inspections with Installers again this year, in addition to other ongoing compliance work and complaint response. These Installer inspections will focus on records Installers are required to maintain for the onsite systems they have registered. These records include the system registration form; the scaled drawing of the onsite system depicting the required system design/details; and the soil percolation test data and results. If selected, you will be contacted to schedule a convenient date and time for a Department representative to meet with you and review your records. The Department will also contact the owners to schedule facility visits.

In 2012 the Department examined records of 26 Installers. Follow-up visits documented compliance issues at roughly one-fourth of these facilities. Two Installers had no percolation test results, two systems had no visible inspection port for the septic tank, and one system had a header pipe with an unequal number of distribution lines. The Department worked with these Installers to meet Title 124 requirements.

### New Programs for Professional Development Hours (PDH)

UNL Extension submitted the following programs which have each been approved for six (6) hours. Approved programs are also listed on the NDEQ's website ([www.deq.ne.gov](http://www.deq.ne.gov)) then select "Licenses & Certification" then "Onsite Wastewater Program (septic systems, private lagoons)" and then "Continuing Education".

#### **Title 124 Update & Review**

Sept 30, 2013 – Scottsbluff  
October 3, 2013 – North Platte  
November 12, 2013 – Holdrege  
December 10, 2013 – Norfolk  
December 12, 2013 – Ithaca

#### **Introduction to Mound Systems**

October 1, 2013 – Scottsbluff  
October 4, 2013 – North Platte  
November 13, 2013 – Holdrege  
December 11, 2013 – Norfolk  
December 13, 2013 – Ithaca

To sign up or obtain more information about the UNL programs please contact UNL Extension directly at 402-472-9390.

REMINDER: This is a renewal year for ALL onsite certifications. 12 PDHs are required for renewal (unless you were certified for the first time in calendar year 2013, then six (6) PDHs are required for the initial renewal).

### Scheduled Onsite Certification Exams

July 18 in Holdrege

August 22 in Lincoln

October 24 in Lincoln

### A New Face in the Onsite Program

Anania (Nia) Caruso joined the Onsite Unit in May. She will be working on compliance activities. Nia received onsite wastewater training through the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association and certification through the States of Florida and Nebraska. She has performed regulatory and compliance activities while employed as a public health official. The Department is also interviewing candidates for a second position who will also be responsible for compliance work.

**IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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