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The Missouri Certification Program for the Inspection and Evaluation of Onsite Wastewater Systems

This presentation discusses the certification of professionals as inspectors or evaluators of onsite systems at the time of sale in Missouri. Inspections of onsite systems provides the more comprehensive assess of the systems while evaluations are more of a "walkover" at the time of sale. Comprehensive forms for each component of the onsite system have been developed for the inspection assessment. More general forms have been developed for the evaluation assessment. Professionals are also certified to perform assessment of the associated private water well as collection of a water sample for a microbiological analysis in addition to becoming a registered to perform water tracing assessment. Statistics on the number of assessments performed and their results will be provided. Additionally, some future revisions to provide a more comprehensive assessment will be discussed. In summary, this program has assisted in providing a greater sense of investment security for new homeowners while also protecting the environment and human health, and maintaining and increasing the quality of life for the homeowner.

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