ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 628-X-1
DEFINITIONS

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(1) **Act.** The term "Act" as used in these rules shall mean Title 34, Chapter 21A of the Code of Ala. 1975.

(2) **ADPH.** The term "ADPH" as used in these rules shall mean The Alabama Department of Public Health.

(3) **Advanced Level I.** "Advanced Level I" in these terms shall mean any individual licensed by the AOWB who are involved in the installation of all work under the basic installer and for the installation, servicing, repairing or maintenance of small flow systems as defined by the current State Board of Health Onsite Sewage and Disposal Rules 420-3-1 and/or mound systems, simplex pumps with time dosing requirements, on-demand duplex pumps including single family systems with secondary treatment.

(4) **Advanced Level II.** The term "Advanced Level II" as used in these rules shall mean any individual who is licensed by the AOWB for the installation of all work under the Basic and Advanced Level I license and for the installation, servicing, replacing lids, repairing, or maintaining all systems including, large flow systems as defined by the current State Board of Health Onsite Sewage and Disposal Rules 420-3-1, multiple pump systems with timed dosing requirements, and other advanced technology systems, to include effluent discharge systems and cluster wastewater systems.

(5) **Alabama Administrative Procedures Act.** The term "Alabama Administrative Procedures Act" refers to the act codified at Title 41, Chapter 22 of the Code of Ala. 1975.

(6) **AOWB.** The term "AOWB" as used in these rules shall mean Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board.

(7) **Basic Installer.** The term "Basic Installer" as used in these rules shall mean any individual who is licensed by the AOWB for the installation, servicing, replacing lids, repairing, or maintenance of small flow conventional onsite wastewater systems

and shallow placement onsite wastewater systems. The definition of a small flow conventional OSS system is defined in the current State Board of Health Onsite Sewage and Disposal Rules 420-3-1.

(8) **Board.** The term "Board" as used in these rules shall mean the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board. The Board is a 9-member Board of which three members shall be appointed by the Governor, three members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Alabama Legislature. The referenced statute describes the organization, general course, method of operation and method of public information. The public may make submission and request to the Board in writing at the following mailing address:

State of Alabama
Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board
P.O. Box 303552
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

(9) **Bond.** The term "Bond" as used in these rules shall mean that performance bond described in the Act.

(10) **Building Sewer.** The term "Building Sewer as used in these rules shall mean the part of a structure's drainage system which extends from the end of the building drain, and which receives the discharge of a building drain and conveys it to a public or private sewer system.

(11) **Code of Ala. 1975**, §34—21A—1, provides for definitions of the following terms: Alternative Onsite Wastewater System, Board, Conventional Onsite Wastewater System, Good Standing with Local Health Authorities or Officials, Individual, Installation, License, Licensee, Licensing Procedure, Local Health Authority of Officials, Manufacturer, Onsite Wastewater System, Responsible Charge, Servicing.

(12) **Continuing Education.** The term "Continuing Education" as used in these rules shall mean the required hours of continuing education required by the Act for licensed individuals.

(13) **Electrical.** The term "electrical" as used in these rules shall mean any single-family residential dwelling connected to an onsite wastewater system. The electrical wires coming from the home, to power the onsite wastewater system, to the disconnect box on the outside of the home shall be classified as electrical and are governed by the rules of the Alabama Electrical Contractors Board.

(14) **Inactive License.** The term "Inactive license" refers to any licensed individual who elects to obtain inactive status as a licensee. To obtain inactive status as an inactive licensee, the licensee shall obtain an inactive application from the office of

the Executive Director and submit completed application to the Board. Inactive licensees shall be required to pay an annual licensing fee in an amount that does not exceed one-half of the annual licensing fee for licensees. Inactive licensees shall not be eligible to perform installation, service, pump, manufacture, or repair work, or to solicit or bid to perform installation, service, pump, manufacture, or repair work. An inactive licensee may be allowed by the Board to reactivate said license as a licensee at any time by contacting the office of the Executive Director and submitting that he or she has obtained the proper bond amount pursuant to Alabama law and the Rules and Regulations of the Board. The inactive licensee shall also submit payment to the Board of the difference in fees between his/her license and inactive license status.

(15) **License.** The term "License" as used in these rules shall mean a license issued to or renewed by a licensed individual by the Board as pursuant to the Act.

(16) **Manufacturer.** "Manufacturer" as used in these terms shall mean any individual licensed by the AOWB who are involved in the manufacture of onsite wastewater septic tanks, including tanks poured in place, lids and receptacles.

(17) **Plumbing.** The term "plumbing" as used in these rules shall mean any single-family residential dwelling connected to an onsite wastewater system, the sewer lines coming out of the dwelling at a distance of 3-5 feet shall be classified as plumbing and are governed by the rules of the Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board. Pumps that are associated with septic tanks, and sewage tanks traps shall not be installed, repaired or replaced by plumbers.

(18) **Portable Toilet.** "Portable Toilet" as used in these rules shall mean any individual licensed by the AOWB who are involved in the installation, transporting, pumping, servicing, repairing, maintaining, and cleaning portable toilets.

(19) **Pumper.** The term "Pumper" as used in these rules shall mean any individual who is licensed by the AOWB for pumping, servicing, replacing lids, replacing risers, tees or filters of a septic tank, sewage tanks, grease traps and portable toilets. Not to include pumps associated with septic tanks, sewage tanks and grease traps.

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