



## ***ALABAMA***

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Onsite Sewage Disposal and Subdivision-Onsite Sewage Systems,  
Water Supplies and Solid Waste Management  
Chapter 420-3-1  
Effective March 19, 2006

<http://www.adph.org/ONSITE/Adopted%20Onsite%20Rules%2010-05.pdf>

Onsite regulations for the State of Alabama were last updated in March, 2006. Currently the new regulations have become effective and no new revisions are expected at this time.

In the State of Alabama, regulations are performance based for all systems over 4,000 gallons. There are however a few systems with flows less than 4,000 gpd that may follow performance based standards. For more information on these systems, please contact Mr. Coles at the address listed above.

The state of Alabama recognizes management programs/contracts or management districts to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual dispersal systems. A Management Entity program is established by state law pertaining to all systems with two or more owners. Contact Mr. Coles using the information provided above for more information on existing management programs currently in operation for the State of Alabama.

The State of Alabama does require onsite professionals to be certified. Soil Engineers, Surveyors, Geologists, Soil Scientists and Installers must have their Professional Installers License. Each profession has their own state certification board and

certifications may be renewable or permanent. Site evaluations are conducted by Soils Professionals prior to installation. New regulations allow a choice of percolation test, soil morphology, or Unified Soil Classification System. All permits for onsite systems are issued by the County Health Department.

County Environmentalists perform the system inspections upon request from the homeowner. There is no charge for this service.

Permits are issued by each respective County Health Department and they are tracked within the State of Alabama; this includes permits for: new construction, repair of existing systems, and upgrade or modifications to systems. For more information please contact Mr. Coles or Mr. Farris using the information above.

Alternative/experimental/innovative technologies do not require a different permit.

In Alabama, State Revolving Funds (SRF) monies are administered by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, please contact this office for information regarding funding to assist homeowners for the: repair of a failing/malfunctioning system, replacement of failing/malfunctioning system, or for new construction of onsite wastewater treatment systems.

Onsite training programs are available in the state of Alabama. Contact the Alabama Department of Public Health for training information. Contact the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association for information regarding Installer training. Information regarding demonstrations and/or research that is currently ongoing within the state of Alabama can be acquired by contacting:

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