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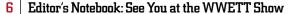
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# See You at the **WWETT Show**

Let's meet in Indy to share in many educational opportunities, onsite product demonstrations and talk about what you'd like to see in the pages of Onsite Installer



hether you're reading this issue of Onsite Installer in the weeks leading up to the Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport (WWETT) Show (Feb. 23-26) or you're walking the halls of the host Indiana Convention Center and picked up the magazine, I'd like to share what I am looking for at the wastewater industry's biggest event of the year.

The week of the WWETT Show is my best opportunity to network with readers and learn about the latest technology in onsite systems. Nothing matches the educational benefit I receive through face-to-face meetings with some of the best installers in North America or getting my hands on the latest products to serve those installers.

In short, the WWETT Show rekindles my enthusiasm for covering a dynamic industry. And here are a few things I'll be looking for as I check out the vast exhibit floor and talk to onsite wastewater professionals along the way:

#### **Educational opportunities**

As a trade journalist, one of my jobs is to keep abreast of the newest techniques installers use to solve their customers' problems. That means attending the WWETT Show's Education Day and seminars during exhibit days that follow. This year's seminars of interest to installers (check the show guide for dates and times) include:

- "Environmental Impact Study: Effects of Water Softener on Septic Tank Performance," by Eric Yeggy, director of technical affairs for the Water Quality Association.
- "A Study of Microbiological Induced Corrosion," by Claude Goguen, the National Precast Concrete Association's director of sustainability and technical education.
- "Rules and Regulations with New Technologies and Working with Regulators," by Anthony Smithson, consultant and former director of environmental health in Lake County, Ill.
- "True Crime Scene Stories: How to Inspect and Troubleshoot Suspect Onsite Systems," by Dawn Long, owner of American Septic Service.

- "OSHA Regulations and Smart Business," by Doug Lassiter, executive director and lobbyist for the North Carolina Septic Tank Association.
- "New Trends and Technology in Equipment for Excavation Safety," by Mike Ross, shoring specialist and national training director at Efficiency Production Inc.
- "System Sizing and Basic Design Principles," "Pumping to Systems," "Installations of ATUs," "Installing for Management" and "Troubleshooting Systems," by Jim Anderson, Ph.D., and Dave Gustafson, P.E.

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#### The latest small-scale wastewater treatment solutions

Recent years have brought an accelerated introduction of onsite technology that opens up property with substandard soils for development, cuts down on the potential for pollution for systems in sensitive environments and provides great upgrade options for smaller lots. Onsite wastewater products have never been this varied and offer effective solutions in many applications. All of these technologies will be on display at the WWETT Show with the experts who developed them on hand to answer questions. Installers have a unique opportunity to get their hands on these products and find out if they can be the answer to their customers' typical treatment issues back home. I have the good fortune to see product demonstrations and talk to contractors about the value of new system components.

#### Feedback from attendees

More than anything, I come to the WWETT Show to meet Onsite Installer readers. The guys and gals on the front lines of the onsite industry

are the lifeblood of this magazine. You provide the energy, the drive for professionalism that fuels the direction of our editorial content. I appreciate every valuable minute onsite installers give to me in talking about their work and sharing their views about the industry.

To that end, I invite you to seek me out in Indy. Tell me about your dayto-day business challenges. Show me that dream piece of equipment you're interested in on the exhibit floor. Let me know where you think the industry is headed in the next year or five years.

I rely on the Onsite Installer community to drive content in the coming year. There are a number of ways you can help me add value for our readers:

Suggest a system profile story. One of our most interesting and highly read stories is the System Profile, where we walk readers step-by-step through an installer's challenging project. It could be replacing a failed septic system on a postage-stamp-sized lot, building a new system on a property with challenging soils or where wetlands or extreme elevation changes cause problems. It's inspiring to hear the way designers and installers attack these challenging conditions. Tell me about your toughest job so we can all learn from it.

Talk about your favorite machine. Installers live and die with efficient, reliable equipment, from mini-excavators and skid-steers to service trucks and inspection gear. Show me the product on display that you value the most and use on a daily basis. This year we added an equipment-related feature, called either Machine Matters or Shop Talk, depending on the topic being explored. I'm looking for your feedback on the new feature and your suggestions for new topics we can explore. Are you seeking answers on a particular maintenance issue? Are you looking for a machine to perform a specific task on the job site? Share your questions and we'll answer them in an upcoming issue.

Ask the onsite experts. The WWETT Show is also a great place to meet the brightest onsite experts in the country. The team that writes our Basic Training feature, Jim Anderson and Dave Gustafson, will be on hand to conduct several training sessions. You can meet them and ask your own questions for them to address in future stories. Share your questions for Jim and Dave with me and I'll be happy to pass them along. Maybe we can even track down Jim and Dave during the show for an impromptu roundtable discussion about onsite topics.

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## **World Health Organization** talk slated for WWETT Show

Since the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa hit the headlines. many in the wastewater industry have asked about the potential for a variety of communicable diseases to spread through the pumping. transport and handling of septage and sludges containing human waste. Attendees at the 2015 Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport (WWETT) Show will hear the latest information on the topic from a World Health Organization official.

Dr. Adrianus Vlugman, senior advisor on water, sanitation and environmental health at the WHO, will speak Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. in Rooms 133-135 at the Indiana Convention Center as part of an extensive series of WWETT Show speakers and seminars. The talk on the transfer of communicable diseases is free and open to anyone.

Vlugman will provide a general overview covering the survival/life expectancy of communicable diseases in water and wastewater. Among other topics, he will cover:

- Safety precautions to consider when handling water and wastewater in developing nations.
- The likeliness of communicable diseases to be spread or passed through both centralized wastewater plants and decentralized onsite wastewater systems.
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Through wastewater education and research projects, onsite specialist Sara Heger is making a difference for the environment in her home state of Minnesota and across the country

By David Steinkraus

ara Heger didn't set out to be an expert in onsite wastewater treatment. It just turned out that way. As an engineer for the University of Minnesota Onsite Sewage Treatment Program, Heger spends her time providing education at professional conferences, consulting on troubled systems and working on projects to improve the industry.

From childhood on, her experiences lined up to mostly bring her back to where she began – working the ground. She understands the industry because she lives it, and after 16 years as a wastewater engineer she has a broad insight into the issues facing the industry.

"I wanted to get away from farming," Heger recalls about her career path from higher education onward. She was interested in the environment but not in working the front lines of agriculture.

#### **BE AN ENGINEER**

While she baled hay as a teen on her family's farm in Minnesota, Heger regretted the life she was missing, all the options and activities open to girls in the cities. Her father ran the farm, first as a dairy operation and later (continued)

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Sara Heger gives a presentation on subsurface sewage treatment systems at a contractor's meeting in Cologne, Minn. Topics included the permitting process, inspections and rule changes.

raising hogs and cash crops. She was the youngest of eight children. Her mother died when she was young and her older sisters helped raise her.

In her father she had a singular advantage. "My dad wanted me to be an engineer, so I was on the science track in high school. He was a strong proponent of women and girls being encouraged in that direction," Heger says. She earned an undergraduate degree in biosystems and agricultural engineering because she could learn about water and soil along with engineering.

What makes the wastewater industry so attractive is the combination of high and low technology, she says. On the high end are all the technologies and pumps to provide treatment, but on the low end everything depends on soil to passively accept large amounts of water, provide final treatment and recycle that water through the environment.

"When was the last time you spent \$5,000 to \$15,000 for a piece of equipment in or around your home and you didn't get an owner's manual? We need to have it like getting your oil changed. Why does everybody not know they need to get their tank cleaned?" Sara Heger

Heger's first step into the industry came in her third year of college when she had an internship at Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency. "Actually, I didn't care at all what the job was there as long as it was environmentally related. I just wanted some experience," she says. She got that, but she also met Jim Anderson, then a professor at the University of Minnesota and director of its Water Resources Center. His writing is familiar to readers of this magazine. With his encouragement she entered a master's degree program in water resources science, and as she finished that degree the job she now holds became available.

She may have wanted to get away from agriculture and farming when younger, but her attitude has changed. She has great appreciation for the hard work farmers do every day and for her own past. "There's nothing to me now like the smell of a dairy barn," she says.

#### TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

At the University of Minnesota, Heger has two primary responsibilities. One is research and the other is education.

Education means providing training at workshops and providing technical assistance to wastewater professionals, governments and property owners in Minnesota and across the country. Heger says she enjoys



translating complex scientific information into understandable terms.

Research does not mean working in a laboratory day in and day out. "We're trying to answer questions that come up in the industry. We're not inventing new technology. We're solving problems," Heger says. This might take the form of helping a manufacturer test a new technology in the field.

At the moment she's involved with a project in Crane Lake, Minn., a town in the lake-studded wilderness and canoeing paradise that hugs the Canadian border. She has to help the community determine how to bring this environmentally sensitive area into compliance with modern wastewater standards.

In addition to doing much of the research work, Heger is also a grant (continued)

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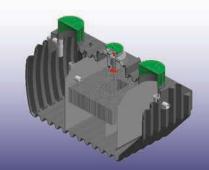
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Taking wastewater samples at a Minnesota highway rest stop are Sara Heger and a University of Minnesota civil engineering student, Mike Szmurlo.

writer, meaning she tries to keep money flowing in from various sources and makes sure projects are completed. It's a vital position because for as much as the wastewater industry depends on the expertise of the university program, it is not funded by the university or the state of Minnesota but with grants and other money.

"So the good thing is I get to do a lot of different things, and that keeps my job interesting," she says.

#### DISTILLING COMPLEX IDEAS

While consumer education typically brings to mind talking to a person or a group of people, in Heger's case it also means reaching people through publications. Of all the guides produced by the University of Minnesota Extension Service, the most circulated is the septic system owner's manual. To Heger, it is astonishing that people have such expensive and vital pieces of technology, yet are often not told how to take care of them.

"When was the last time you spent \$5,000 to \$15,000 for a piece of equipment in or around your home and you didn't get an owner's manual?" Heger says. "We need to have it like getting your oil changed. Why does everybody not know they need to get their tank cleaned?" Her own family was the same way when she was growing up, she says. Their tank was pumped only when backed up wastewater showed there was a problem.

The Minnesota guide is written for the Midwest and the challenges that come with operating in a cold

## Rest stop research

Working in the onsite industry has taken Sara Heger beyond the normal locations of home, school and business. In her job with the University of Minnesota Onsite Sewage Treatment Program she consults on any project that is troublesome, and lately this has led her into an evaluation of state highway rest stops.

These systems operate under different and tougher conditions than most commercial or domestic wastewater systems and they are often neglected. "The people who build roads aren't thinking about protecting the soils. In fact, many of these rest stops were built in fill areas," Heger says. These soils are poor. Some locations are environmentally sensitive, and in Minnesota many of the systems are old.

So far she is doing a Minnesota-only study. It started with a call when a new engineer took over the rest stop wastewater program for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The engineer knew the state needed to make repairs or upgrades and wanted the university's help to prioritize projects.

Aside from challenges presented by the soils at rest stops, the state had been installing low-flow toilets and automatic faucets, so the wastewater flow was small and concentrated, Heger says. Flows vary because of the seasonal and

inconsistent volume of highway traffic, and as traffic patterns change rest stops may be additionally stressed. For example, rest stops along the Interstate 94 corridor between Minneapolis and North Dakota have been under continuing strain recently because of the number people traveling to and from oilfield jobs in North Dakota boom towns.

Assessments for Minnesota's 55 rest stops, weigh scales and truck storage stations were made by the university team in 2013 and 2014. Some of the systems had not been pumped out in three years, and that's not good for a rest stop tank, Heger says.

Three people from the university do the inspections, and they are joined by people from the state transportation department. Each inspection requires about two days for the site visit and work back in the lab. As part of the research the teams grab samples from the septic tanks. Samples that are abnormally high in organic material, nitrogen or phosphorus receive a second look. Two onsite systems installed this year include monitoring wells and groundwater sensors to evaluate the treatment down-gradient and to spot pooling of water beneath the drainfield. This is a Minnesota project at the moment, but it will have implications for similar systems all across the country, Heger says.

northern climate, yet it has also inspired people in other regions to develop localized versions. Now Heger is involved in producing a national guide that can be customized for any location. This guide will not appear in a finished form. Instead it will be an online form that will work like online taxpreparation software, Heger says.

A knowledgeable system owner or a septic system professional will enter basic information about the system, or as much information as they know. The software will generate a customized maintenance guide for that type of system. It will be a simple guide, too – no 100-page monster that a customer will toss into a drawer because it's too much to read, Heger says.

However, Heger knows that manuals can take people only so far. Even if a system is maintained perfectly, there are still environmental issues because of what flows through an onsite system and what it cannot now handle, she says. Phosphorus is a good example of an issue that needs dealing with.

#### TAINTING THE WATER SUPPLY

In the Midwest, a phosphorus surplus from septic systems and lawn and agricultural fertilizers has been blamed for encouraging toxic algae blooms in inland lakes and for generally reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen by encouraging the growth of all kinds of aquatic plants. There are currently no off-the-shelf products for reducing phosphorus in wastewater, but Heger believes there will be an increasing need for such technologies as regulations catch up with the environmental harm.

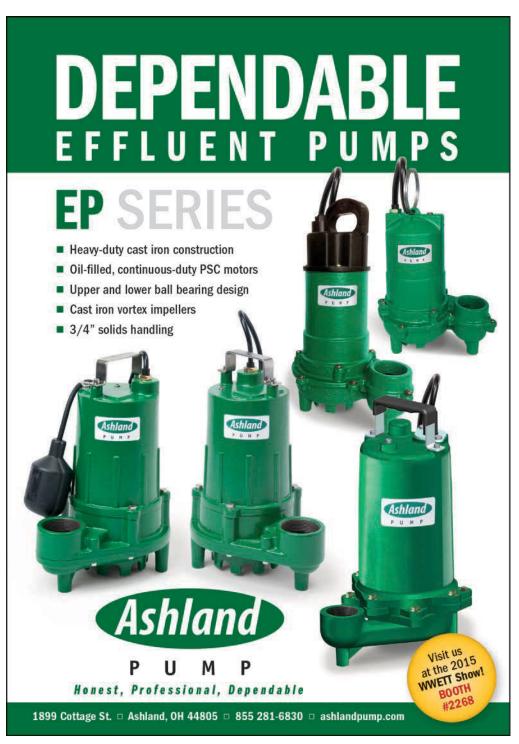
The Onsite Sewage Treatment Program has three phosphorus projects going. One is in conjunction with a company to test some of its ideas.

"My dad wanted me to be an engineer, so I was on the science track in high school. He was a strong proponent of women and girls being encouraged in that direction."

Sara Heger



Sara Heger visits a rest area along Interstate 35 in New Market, Minn., in her continuing research on these challenging largescale onsite systems that are often neglected. She is shown holding a Masterflex E/S portable sampler (Cole-Parmer).







**ABOVE:** Sara Heger reviews the performance of an onsite system with Onsite Sewage Treatment Program colleague David Gustafson (right) and Water Resources Center soil scientist Dan Wheeler.

LEFT: During one of her many seminar presentations, Sara Heger discusses an onsite issue with Bob Billiet, of Mid MN Septic Services, Hutchinson, Minn.

Another involves collecting wastewater from a cluster of buildings, removing the phosphorus and generating biogas for energy production. The third evaluates how much phosphorus migrates out of wastewater systems. One study evaluated cesspools, which have not been allowed in Minnesota since the early 1980s, and found a very high level of phosphorus 40 feet down-gradient, Heger says.

From her position at the university, Heger sees the need for much more consumer education. The biggest issue she and her colleagues see are toxic septic tanks – tanks where the bacteria population is unhealthy or absent because of an accumulation of home cleaning chemicals, pharmaceuticals and all the other things people shouldn't dump down their drains.

Consumers don't know enough to ask the right questions, Heger says. Because they lack knowledge of their wastewater systems, they don't think about the environmental impact of a drug that a doctor prescribes and that works its way through the patient and into the water supply. This isn't just an issue for those on septic systems, of course, but it's an important area of concern for decentralized systems.

Of all the presentations she gives, the issue of what is being flushed through wastewater systems draws the most feedback. "And this is people in the industry. I hope the information gets from their hands to their customers' hands. Our industry, not me, is doing all this education," Heger says.

#### INDUSTRY PROUD

It is the industry that taught her, and Heger says her most valuable connections have come through professional organizations. Early in her career she became involved with the Minnesota Onsite Wastewater Association. The membership gives constant feedback and they are great supporters, she says.

More than 10 years ago Heger became involved with the National Onsite Water Recycling Association. Through NOWRA she had the opportunity to meet professionals from across the country, plan national conferences, learn about systems and research elsewhere, and develop educational materials through the Consortium of Institutes for Decentralized Wastewater Treatment.

Heger does not stop learning, and in addition to her job in the onsite program, she's working on a doctorate degree in water resources science. She doesn't need it for her university job nor is she planning to leave the university for an academic job that takes her out of the field. What she's doing now is too interesting to leave, she says.

She is pursuing the degree just for herself. At the same time she's doing what the entire industry must do, because the only thing protecting the health of people and the environment is the knowledge of wastewater professionals.

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# 'Tracks Up' Means Disaster

Use caution when loading and unloading excavation equipment at the job site

months addressed a number of safety issues installers need to be aware of. One item we mentioned but didn't discuss in any detail - is matching excavation equipment to the correct trailer and truck for hauling from one job site to another. One reason we didn't elaborate on equipment transport safety is that neither of us are experts on the topic. We felt giving a heads-up about the safety issue was appropriate and then encouraged our readers to seek further information.

Then, as so often happens a short time after a Basic Training article is published, we received a photo from Brian Dickey - a registered sanitarian from Chelan-Douglas Health District in East Wenatchee, Wash. - showing what happened when an installer had trouble loading a backhoe on a trailer for transport. It's disturbing to see the overturned excavator.

Fortunately no one was seriously injured. Often when we hear of these types of accidents this is not the case.

This prompted us to take a closer look at this safety issue and provide a few thoughts on avoiding this type of accident. Before we get started, we ask that you keep in mind that your state Department of Transportation sets vehicle road weight restrictions and driver requirements for commercial vehicles. This includes such items as vehicle load securement, maximum weights, seasonal usage/exemptions for road restrictions and driver's license requirements.

In Minnesota, these requirements can be found at the state's DOT website. They also offer training sessions and will answer questions. So check with your state DOT if you have any questions. Also, federal



Luckily nobody was hurt when this excavator tumbled off of a transport trailer during loading at an onsite job site. Use great caution when transporting equipment in the field to avoid a scene like this one. (Photo courtesy of Brian Dickey)

regulations need to be followed and many states have adopted these requirements. If you are attending Education Day during the 2015 Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport (WWETT) Show in Indianapolis (Feb. 23), sessions will address different aspects of DOT regulations. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about driver requirements.

#### TRAILER CARRYING CAPACITY

The top safety concern for trailers is ensuring adequate carrying capacity for the load and equipment being transported. The installer is responsible for following all of the requirements for these trailers. Failure to do so can result in large fines when your rigs are subject to DOT inspections. More



critical than the fine, though, is that an undersized trailer can result in a number of safety problems. An accident could be caused due to failure of the trailer itself or the tires due to an overload. This is dangerous for the installer, but an improperly loaded trailer on the road is also a danger to the public.

The next common problem for trailers is an improperly secured load. The installer or crew members should be familiar with the equipment being hauled and how it needs to be secured to the trailer. The state DOT can provide information on how an excavator should be transported. This includes the number of tie-downs needed and weight ratings for the chains and chokers.

The driver of the truck-trailer must be familiar with and able to operate the equipment being loaded. As evidenced by the photo, loading and unloading can be dangerous and an inexperienced operator increases the likelihood of a problem during the procedure. It is important to carefully choose the site where equipment is loaded or unloaded. If there is too much slope or the ground is soft and unstable, the equipment could tip over, which looks like a contributing factor in this photo Dickey provided.

#### **CREATE A SAFETY LOG**

Any equipment – including your transport trailers – requires regular maintenance. You need to make sure all of the equipment on the trailer is in good operating condition; that the tail, backup and directional lights are all in working order. There should be a written safety log for trailers and all of your equipment to effectively track maintenance and repairs. This should be part of the driver's daily checklist whenever equipment is going to be hauled. When problems are identified, fix them before equipment goes back into service.

One of the most frequent causes of accidents is being in a hurry. It is easy to see that an accident like the one pictured could happen either by rushing to get on the job site to place a tank or at the end of the day when it is time to head back to the shop. In all cases the installer needs to take the time to do things safely. Being hasty or cutting corners usually has negative consequences.

The installer is responsible for following all of the requirements for these trailers. Failure to do so can result in large fines when your rigs are subject to DOT inspections.

Weather conditions can also impact safety. In this case it was raining at the time of the tip-over, which could make surfaces slippery. In bad weather contractors can be in a hurry to button things up, but you don't want to rush when loading or unloading equipment in potentially slippery conditions. When it is raining or snowing extra caution is in order; what is a simple task during a clear, dry day can become much more difficult.

Another contributing factor in this mishap may have been loading on a sloping site. Ideally the loading and unloading should take place on a level area, even if it's a distance from the area to be worked.

Hopefully these points provide the basis for safe equipment hauling so you can avoid a bad day like the one experienced by the installers who owned the equipment in Dickey's photo.









## Looking for onsite system treatment upgrades on Long Island

tony Brook University will use \$2 million in state funding as seed money to establish a program in Suffolk County (Long Island) to develop and commercialize technology to remove nitrogen from septic system and cesspool effluent (many of the septic systems utilize a cesspool). With a population of 1.5 million people, about 70 percent of homes in the county - more than 360,000 - use onsite wastewater systems. Suffolk County is also conducting a lottery to give away 19 onsite systems, including five years of monitoring and maintenance.

#### Idaho

Several changes are planned in the next revision of onsite wastewater regulations by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. According to a public notice, DEQ is considering changes to address "septic tank maintenance techniques, septic tank approval and approval transfer procedures, extra drain rock drainfields, incinerator toilets, intermittent sand filters, steep-slope systems, septic tank and dosing chamber installation, and extended treatment package systems." The changes, it says, are designed to ensure the technical guidance manual reflects current public health standards.

#### British Columbia, Canada

The 46,000-square-mile Peace River Regional District is planning to build three septage receiving stations to serve rural residents and work camps. The City of Dawson Creek recently approved a \$3.5 million truckedwaste facility for its municipal wastewater treatment plant.

Unlike an existing transfer station in Dawson Creek, the new one will be staffed and will include sensors to detect hazardous materials. Contractors have been caught several times trying to dispose of diesel and fracking chemicals at the unmanned transfer station, according to Alaska Highway News. The City of Fort St. John recently announced it was closing its septage facility at the end of 2014 because several illegal dumping cases threatened the city's treatment system.

"The issue of waste disposal has become increasingly fraught in recent years, in part because new federal laws expose cities to more liability should waterways be contaminated with sewage," reports the newspaper.

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# On the Rise

Budding country music star Cole Swindell will headline the WWETT Industry Appreciation Party

By Kyle Rogers

ountry music singer/songwriter Cole Swindell is one of Nashville's newest stars, and he plans to make some new fans when he takes the Industry Appreciation Party stage at the Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport (WWETT) Show in February.

The 31-year-old didn't gain prominence — or a record deal for that matter — until his independently released debut single, "Chillin' It," started climbing the charts in 2013. It eventually reached the top spot on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, but Swindell knows there's a good chance some people in the audience will be unfamiliar with his material. And he's fine with that.

"Sometimes it's good to get in front of a new crowd that might not know a lot about you," Swindell says. "You get to try to make them a fan by the end of the night. I love challenges like that.

Cole Swindell will headline the annual Industry Appreciation Party on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Indiana Convention Center's Sagamore Ballroom.

"I'm going to get up there and do what I do. I'm looking forward to it."

#### LESSONS FROM A FELLOW GEORGIAN

Though still a newcomer to the country music scene, Swindell knows what it takes to put on a good show. He went on tour with Luke Bryan in 2014 and prior to that spent a considerable amount of time on the road with him, selling merchandise and writing songs for his fellow fraternity brother from Georgia Southern University as Bryan evolved into a country music star.

"For however long he's out there on stage, he's going to give it all he's got. That's something I've learned," Swindell says. "People spend their hardearned money and their time to come see us, so you want to give them the best show you can."

He says Bryan was also a big influence on his decision to launch a career in country music in the first place.

"The first time I heard his music was over 10 years ago, and I thought he had it," Swindell says. "Even then I was like, 'This guy is going to be huge.' He's from the same part of Georgia but I didn't know him until I had gotten to college and he had already moved to Nashville. Having a guy from just a few minutes from where I grew up writing songs I thought were amazing, that gave me the confidence. 'Hey, if he can do it, maybe I can do this.' It really gave me the confidence to go after it and just focus and work hard."

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#### FROM SONGWRITING TO THE STAGE

Swindell says he has been a fan of country music all his life, but he didn't start singing until he was in college and began playing the local bars. After receiving the merchandise sales gig on Bryan's team after graduation, Swindell started to get into songwriting. He wrote Bryan's "Just a Sip," "Beer in the Headlights," "Roller Coaster," "Out Like That," "I'm Hungover," "I'm in Love with the Girl," "Love in a College Town," "Shore Thing," "Shake the Sand" and "The Sand I Brought to the Beach." He's also written songs for Craig Campbell, Thomas Rhett, Scotty McCreery and Florida Georgia Line.

Following the success of "Chillin' It," Swindell received a record deal. The first single off his debut album, "Hope You Get Lonely Tonight," which was co-written with Florida Georgia Line, also became a hit. It reached No. 1 on the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart.

"I didn't even have a record deal when we wrote that song," Swindell says. "I always thought they were going to record it. The second they said it was cool that I recorded it, I told them, 'This will be a single for me one day if y'all let me record it.' The writing process was fun. They're good friends of mine and I'm so proud of all their success. It's cool to get to have a little bit of each other's success."

#### "People spend their hard-earned money and their time to come see us, so you want to give them the best show you can."

Cole Swindell

With his first two singles each topping the charts, Swindell says there's pressure to continue the trend. But he doesn't mind.

"You come out with a No. 1 single and then you have to follow that up and you get fortunate and have two No. 1's. Then you have to follow that up. But I think that's a good thing, you know? The streak's not going to go on forever and I'm realistic, but we're going to try. I want to give the fans and radio the best songs I can, and I think [reaching No. 1] is a good goal. If you don't reach the No. 1 spot, at least you gave it a shot."

#### THE YEAR AHEAD

His debut album, two straight No. 1 singles and a nomination in the Best New Artist of the Year category at the Country Music Association Awards have made the past year quite the start to Swindell's country music career. For the coming year, he's already scheduled to join Jason Aldean for the second leg of the "Burn It Down" tour beginning in February.

"Jason is another huge influence and there's another Georgia boy so, man, I couldn't have picked anyone better to go on tour with. That's going to be an awesome way to start off 2015," Swindell says.

That same month he will be taking a break from the tour to play the more intimate Sagamore Ballroom venue at the Indiana Convention Center for WWETT attendees. Swindell hopes to add a little "pleasure" to the "business" that will undoubtedly be a primary focus for many trade show attendees.



# THIS PARTY AIN'T NO ONE-TRICK PONY

Cole Swindell may be the big draw at the WWETT Show's Industry Appreciation Party on Wednesday, Feb. 25, but he won't be the only highlight that night.

It all begins at 5 p.m. when the doors open to the party's new venue, the Sagamore Ballroom on the second floor of the Indiana Convention Center, and the 25-cent tap beers start flowing. The evening's first musical act, Blackjack Billy, will take the stage an hour later. The fourmember Nashville-based band is best known for their 2013 debut single "The Booze Cruise."

The winner of the WWETT truck giveaway will be announced shortly after Blackjack Billy's set, at approximately 7 p.m. All registered WWETT attendees are automatically entered into the contest for the tricked-out 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Extended Cab, or alternately \$35,000 cash, being given away in celebration of the show's 35th anniversary. Twelve contestants will be randomly selected beforehand and invited to participate in the event that will determine a winner.

The party will conclude with a performance from Swindell, who is set to take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

"They could've picked a lot of people [to play the Industry Appreciation Party] and for me to get to do it, that's cool," says Swindell. "It's a different setting [than a tour stop] and there will be business folks in there, but I want to let them have a little fun that night. That's going to be my goal make sure they have a good time."



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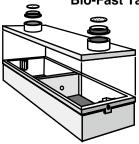
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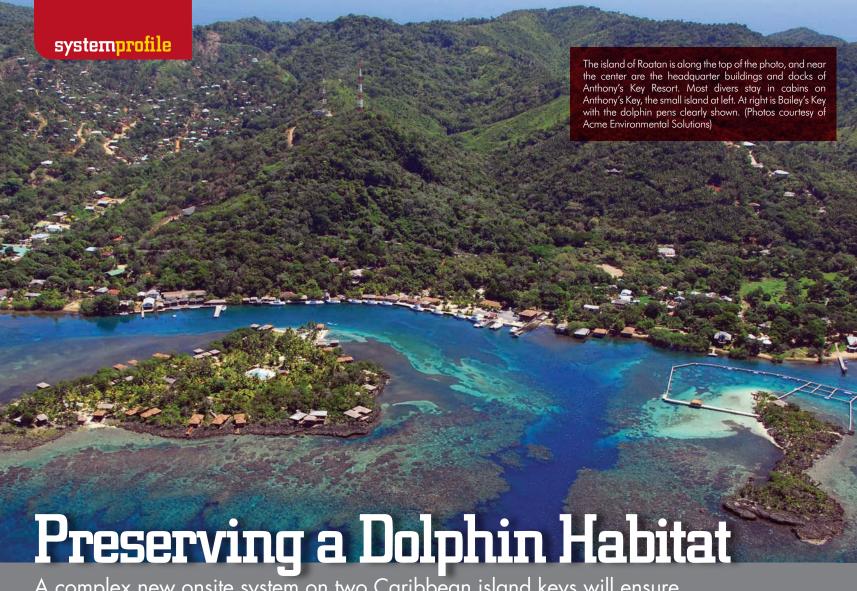
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A complex new onsite system on two Caribbean island keys will ensure proper long-term wastewater treatment in a delicate environment

By David Steinkraus

ivers have been coming to the Caribbean island of Roatan for decades, and no wonder. The island is surrounded by a coral reef that in some places is so close you can wade to it from shore. The reef is home to hundreds of species of fish, and that makes for spectacular scuba diving in the bathtub-warm sea. As time passed, however, this ideal place developed problems. Samir Galindo could see them. He is general manager of Anthony's

"We pretty much nailed a rock that acted as a plug for the Caribbean Sea. We jackhammered the rest underwater. So it was a whole dive operation right in that hole."

Samuel Rivera

Key Resort, which has been around for about 40 years and is one of the oldest dive operations on the island. In 20 years Galindo has seen changes in the environment, but what prompted the resort to call in Acme Environmental Solutions were the dolphins.

#### Location: Anthony's Key, Roatan, Honduras Facility served: Anthony's Key Resort Designer: Acme Environmental Solutions Installer: Acme Environmental Solutions Domestic and light commercial wastewater Type of system: with anaerobic collection and Bio-Microbics aerobic system with drip irrigation **Site conditions:** 2 to 40 inches of sand over coral Hydraulic capacity: Anthony's Key: 9,000 gpd; Bailey's Key:

750 gpd; Roatan: High strength 9,000 gpd

SYSTEM PROFILE

RIGHT: The finished Bio-Microbics plant is buried only a couple of feet on Anthony's Key because the island's base is hard coral. The plant is built of cement blocks coated with repello, a fine outer skin of cement to provide a smooth, waterproof finish.

BELOW: Workers for Acme Environmental Solutions unload material at Anthony's Key in Roatan, Honduras. Everything for a complete wastewater system had to be transported by boat or barge, including bagged sand, gravel and cement for the concrete plant and collection boxes.



The resort occupies a spot on the north shore of Roatan and includes two smaller islands (keys in Caribbean terminology) that create a partially sheltered bay. One of these smaller islands is Anthony's Key, which holds most of the cabins for visiting divers. The other is Bailey's Key and is home to dolphins, the stars of dolphin encounters at Anthony's Key Resort and at the Mahogany Bay cruise port on the south shore of the island.

Performing dolphins live at the port where they entertain cruise ship passengers. Bailey's Key has pens for pregnant and nursing females, but the dolphins were not as healthy as they could be. Resort staff and the resident biologist consulted with experts at aquariums elsewhere in the world, and the experts concluded currents were not flushing the area thoroughly and contamination from untreated wastewater was making the dolphins ill.



The resort took a bold step and updated the wastewater systems for its entire complex.

Typically the resort runs at 80 percent capacity with about 100 guests present every day during the height of the season. Guests dive twice a day and shower after each dive to wash off the sea salt. Anthony's Key was originally equipped with septic tanks. "Some were good. Some were bad, but all of them were causing algae blooms on the edge of the island," says engineer Samuel Rivera, operations manager and head of Acme's projects division.

#### SELF-CONTAINED SOLUTION

For the key, a rough triangle about 1,200 feet along its base and 800 feet from base to tip, Acme designed a 9,000 gpd system using a Bio-Microbics



MicroFAST plant fed by a series of collection tanks.

From each cabin, wastewater flows by gravity 60 to 70 feet through 3-inch pipes buried 10 inches beneath the ground. Pipes are pitched 0.5 to 1.5 percent. "Gravity is a bit of a problem because the whole key is as flat as a pancake," Rivera says. Ideally there would be a vacuum system to pull waste through the pipes, but it wasn't doable. Pipes flow into one of five collection tanks that are 4 feet wide, 8 feet long and 4 feet high. Some were new. Others were reused septic tanks. Each tank has a lift station equipped with an Orenco ProSTEP pump package to feed wastewater to the Bio-Microbics plant through about 600 feet of 2-inch HDPE pipe. There is one more lift station. It serves the bar and pool area near the center of the key, and this station is equipped with a small trap to catch cherry stems, lime rinds and other light kitchen waste.

The Bio-Microbics plant has three chambers, one each for settling, aerobic treatment and clarification. Wastewater in the aerobic portion is pumped up by air to a sprayer dosing two 4,500 gpd units housing bacterial media. Treated water then flows to a dosing tank run by an Orenco panel that discharges it through 1,200 feet of Netafim underground tubing to irrigate a huge tropical plant garden that benefits from both the water and the extra nitrogen.

#### **CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGES**

Behind a camouflaging wall of plants the Bio-Microbics system is 8 feet tall, 10 feet wide and 22 feet long, and it needs the vegetation because it is sunk only 2 feet into the island. The collection tanks are likewise shallowly set by typical measures. At most they're 2 or 3 inches below grade. Some show a few inches above grade. Shallow excavation is the rule here because of the nature of the island: It is 2 to 40 inches of sand on top of coral. "The key is old coral. It's as hard as steel," Rivera says.

Work was done in the fall during the rainy season. In the tropics this means every few hours the clouds spill water like a fire hose before the small storm cell blows off over the ocean. Some cabins for the divers stand on stilts,



Gravity sewer taking wastewater from divers' cabins to collection tanks had to be routed around the palm trees that dot Anthony's Key. Below the sand, sometimes only a couple of inches, is old coral so hard it will break jackhammer bits.

so plumbers worked in the ocean in their bathing suits as they replaced sagging, thin-walled wastewater pipes with modern pipe and traps.

It was water from below that proved the real challenge on one collection tank excavation. Jackhammers broke about every hour on the iron-hard coral, Rivera says. Workers floated a skid-steer with a big hammer to the key. Because the key is a few hundred feet from the main island, all the equipment, workers and material had to fit on boats or barges.

The skid-steer hammer broke. They got bigger hammers. Then they made progress until one day, "We pretty much nailed a rock that acted as a plug for the Caribbean Sea," Rivera says. Water flowed in fast, and the crew



The base for the treatment tank is laid out on Anthony's Key. Because of the expense and difficulty of getting any sort of finished building material to Roatan, most structures are built of concrete, cement and sand, which are shipped in bulk. Tanks like this are constructed from cement blocks molded on Roatan.

fought back with pumps. They started with a couple of 2-inch bilge pumps. They added a 4-inch pump. The sea kept coming. "We jackhammered the rest underwater. So it was a whole dive operation right in that hole," Rivera says. They poured concrete for the tank underwater as well.

#### **READY FOR STORMS**

Acme has emergency plans for this system in the event a major storm sweeps across the Caribbean. The surface of the key is only a few feet above

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Dan Taylor

sea level, so waves from a strong storm can wash all the way across the key and flood the collection tanks, Rivera says. In that event, the plan is to pull salt water out of the collection tanks with a bilge pump and send it to small tanks on a barge. The barge would haul the saltwater-contaminated wastewater to shore where a vacuum truck would take it away for treatment.

Work on the key was not the only renovation Acme performed. At the resort headquarters on the main island the company put in a HighStrengthFAST system from Bio-Microbics along with Goulds pumps and other gear to handle the waste from the kitchen, laundry, offices, clinic, dive shop and the building where raw fish are prepared to feed the dolphins.

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Bailey's Key, the dolphin island, also received a new system, a scaleddown version of the Anthony's Key installation to handle the small amount of wastewater from the dolphin staff and visiting tourists.

Experience so far shows tanks on the island are not accumulating sludge rapidly. That was the plan, says Dan Taylor, general manager and managing partner of Acme. The system was designed with more capacity and retention time than usual in order to reduce solids. The goal is to reduce the maintenance costs for the resort.

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The secondary goal was to reduce the maintenance costs for the resort. Pumping the tanks will require putting a vacuum truck on a barge and hauling it to the island, so we want to do that as infrequently as possible," Taylor says.

More than in many places, the people at Anthony's Key Resort see the connection between proper wastewater systems and environment. Without a clean environment their livelihood is not sustainable, and their investment in modern wastewater equipment ensures the sustainability of this life, these people and the island for years to come.

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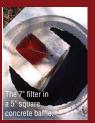
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When the regional Yankee Onsite Wastewater Association disbanded, members reorganized to address wastewater issues in one state

he Yankee Onsite Wastewater Association once represented onsite professionals across six New England states. Yankee no longer exists, but the Massachusetts Association of Onsite Wastewater Professionals (MAOWP) has emerged to focus its efforts on a single state. A member of the six-state group, Russell Martin, P.E., of Maine, is acting president of the new group until a new slate of officers can be elected.

Made up of onsite contractors, designers, regulators and equipment suppliers, MAOWP is ready to begin expanding from its current 51 members and is preparing to offer more services for those members.

#### How did this all come about?

Martin: The Yankee Onsite Wastewater Association formed in 2006. At the time the thinking was that there wasn't enough interest in any one state to form an affiliate with the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA), but there would be if the six states bonded together. It never really got a lot of traction except in Massachusetts, and we still have a few members from Rhode Island. [The other states were New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont and Maine.]

"Someday maybe we'll have a Facebook page or Twitter account. Those seem to be the types of things people want, and groups need to be aware of that. It seems that the younger members, particularly, want to interact that way."

Russell Martin

In late 2012 the incoming president and vice president decided they just had too many other commitments and couldn't serve, so that triggered discussion about being a Massachusetts organization since that is where the bulk of our members are. Of the 51 members, 41 are from Massachusetts.

We reformed in early 2013 as MAOWP. I was the president of the Yankee group in 2010 and 2011, so I've been serving as the acting president until the organization can get its feet on the ground and someone from Massachusetts can take over.

Russell Martin, P.E, massonsiteassociation@gmail.com or 781/939-5710 **MAOWP** 

#### As a new organization, what is your primary area of focus?

Martin: We are trying to develop a system to train and certify onsite installers in the state. The way it works now, every

community has a board of health that is responsible for dealing with onsite wastewater systems. Each one deals with them a little differently; generally each has its own requirements if you want to be an installer. You have to get licensed in each community and most of them have their own exam. We're trying to come up with a standardized program that all the communities will buy into.

Right now we're discussing if we want to have an exam specific to Massachusetts or use the National Environmental Health Association exam. We've been soliciting input from the health officers around the state about what they think is best and how we can implement this to help them. I'm hoping the initial training can be done by spring 2015.

#### How have local officials reacted to the idea?

Martin: It's been pretty positive; they like the idea. I think they'd like to see an exam more specific to our state regulations in Massachusetts that define how to design systems, how big they have to be, how they are constructed and so forth. Any exam, to be worthwhile, would have to test people's knowledge of how to construct a system.

Last fall we went to the Massachusetts Health Officers Association meeting and gave a presentation. The response was pretty positive. They envision it as making their job a little easier if they can rely on a common exam. As we've proposed it, MAOWP would develop the exam, administer it and keep the records.

#### How about the state?

Martin: They've been very open to the idea of working with us and

helping us develop the program. They don't really have a role in licensing installers at this time. Massachusetts certifies soil evaluators [SE] and system inspectors [SI]. All SEs and most SIs have to pass certifying exams.

I think what would happen over time, if this idea catches on and more and more communities adopt it, the state at some point might say there should be a statewide license. I don't see it being a state program now, maybe some time in the future.

#### Licensing generally involves continuing education. How is that handled now?

**Martin:** Both SE and SI certifications are renewed on a three-year basis. For the first renewal, no continuing education hours are required. Each subsequent renewal requires 10 hours of preapproved training. This process is managed by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission [formed in 1947 to coordinate water-related needs in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermontl.

There is no certification or licensing requirement for installers at this time. That's one reason we thought this would be a good idea. If you have the requirement for one class of professionals, you really should have it for all. I think our members are in favor of it.

We live in a changing world; new things are always coming along. You have to try to keep up with things.

#### What are the key issues in Massachusetts?

Martin: There are parts of the state where nitrogen is a big concern, generally the coastal areas. Around the inland lakes, of course, the concern tends to be more about phosphorus. Generally, we are concerned about how to make sure systems are built and inspected properly.

We've tried to offer training courses a couple of times a year, but we didn't in 2014. We did put together a summary document explaining the 2014 changes to the state regulations. That's available on our website.

We are a co-sponsor of the New England Short Course, which is a threeday exhibition and educational conference, including field trips, offered every three or four years with experts from around the country speaking about onsite wastewater issues. The last one was in 2012 in Rhode Island and it was held in Connecticut a couple of times before that. We're planning to do another one, probably in 2016. It takes a couple of years to organize something like that.

#### Your membership is mainly installers, designers and equipment suppliers. What about pumpers, cleaners and other onsite professionals?

Martin: They are certainly welcome to join. We haven't had much involvement from them, not that we wouldn't welcome it. We're fairly small so we've been busy getting organized, writing new bylaws and getting reincorporated.

#### What do you see for MAOWP in the next five years?

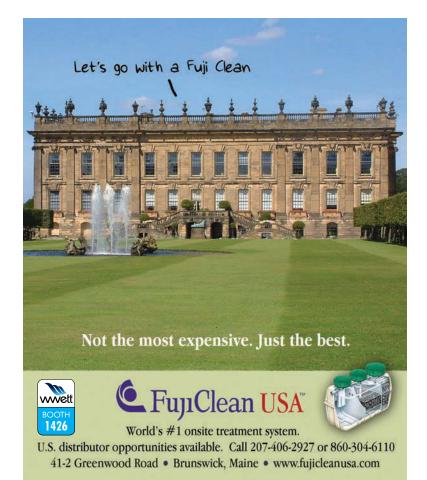
Martin: I hope the membership will increase significantly. As that happens we can do more things. Hopefully the certification idea takes off; I can see that developing into a pretty significant program. The sky is the limit; it depends on who becomes actively involved.

Times are changing in all groups like this. There are a lot of factors; the economy obviously has something to do with it. Every professional association is going through declining membership and changing interests in how people want to interact. People don't want to just go to the traditional meeting.

As we grow we've tried to expand our website. Someday maybe we'll have a Facebook page or Twitter account. Those seem to be the types of things people want, and groups need to be aware of that. It seems that the younger members, particularly, want to interact that way. So how do you reach them, get them involved and meet their needs?

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# Keeping On Track

Regular maintenance can keep your tracked mini-loader performing at its best, reduce downtime and provide a better return on investment when you decide to sell

By Ed Wodalski

ini track loaders are versatile, easily maneuverable machines that can be a valuable asset for any installer, especially when putting in onsite systems in tight spaces and when you need equipment to tread lightly. When properly cared for, these workhorse machines can provide many years of trouble-free use.

Steve Van Vonderen, owner of Steve Van Vonderen Excavating in De Pere, Wis., says lubrication tops his service list. He finds multiple uses for his two Bobcat mini-loaders every week and keeps them busy all summer.

"The main thing is to keep your pins greased all the time because it keeps the machine tight and it responds better to your commands," he says. "No. 2 is the track." Proper tension is vital to optimal performance.

"If you run them too loose you're going to have tracks coming off all the time, which leads to a lot of downtime on the job site. And if you run them too tight you're going to wear tracks out prematurely along with the components that go with them, such as the front and rear idlers and weightcarrying idlers in the center."

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Steve Van Vonderen

And keep the undercarriage clean, especially during the colder months, he says. Van Vonderen takes 10 to 15 minutes at the end of the day looking for dirt and debris that might have become lodged between the tracks. "If you don't, the next morning it will cost you hours of time trying to get that machine moving again," he says.

Van Vonderen follows a daily inspection regimen for his loaders, checking the engine oil, hydraulic fluid and radiator. Every 90 days he brings the machines into the shop for closer inspection.

"We have a pit and check the hoses and couplings; give it a good pressure wash and regrease it," he says. Van Vonderen also keeps a paper



**ABOVE:** Steve Van Vonderen checks the engine oil, hydraulic fluid and radiator fluid each day. (Photo by Jim Kneiszel)

RIGHT: Ditch Witch's SK850 model loader includes service intervals on the LCD display.



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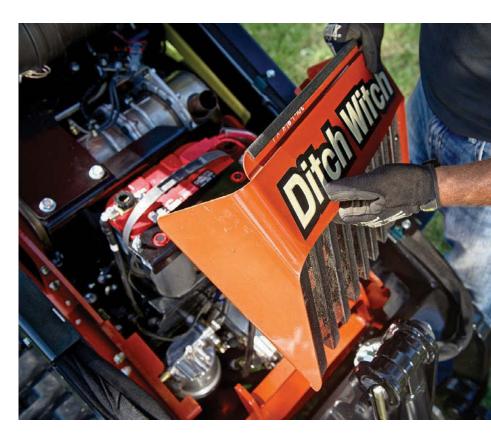
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ABOVE: An air restriction indicator mounted to the air filter indicates when servicing is due.

RIGHT: Ditch Witch recommends checking engine oil level, air filter service indicator, engine coolant level and hydraulic fluid level at startup and every 10 hours.



file on each machine he owns, recording its service history, noting the day and hours on the machine when parts are changed out.

"That way we can get a feel for how many hours we're putting on the machine in a year," he says.

Scratches and rust spots are touched up as well.

"We try to keep our name and graphics looking good so people can see it. We've got the phone number on there too so people can give us a call."

Living in a northern climate, Van Vonderen adds an anti-gel supplement to the diesel fuel and stores the machine in the shop at night when possible.

To ensure the fuel line stays clean, Van Vonderen installs a clear, glassbody prefilter where the fuel comes out of the tank. "That way we can watch for any algae buildup in our tanks," he says. "We feel that helps with the regular fuel filter life on these machines."

Chris Austinson, Bobcat product specialist for mini-loaders, says it's important to follow the owner's manual on all service intervals.

Bobcat recommends checking oil level and air filters every 10 hours, as well as cleaning debris from the radiator and oil cooler areas; draining water and sediment from the fuel filter; checking hydraulic levels; and lubricating lift arms, cylinders, pivot pins, wedges, rollers and idlers with a multipurpose lithium-based grease. It's also recommended operators check the parking brake, indicators and lights to ensure they are functioning properly.

Every 50 hours, Bobcat recommends checking hydraulic hoses and the tube line for damage and leaks, as well as the undercarriage for loose bolts and nuts and adjusting track tension as needed.

When changing fluids in your machine, Austinson says it's important to stay within the manufacturer's guidelines.

"I know at job sites people have a tendency to want to change brands, but one of the big things from an OEM standpoint is there has been a lot of tests on those fluids to understand what they do to the components," he says. "Everything is not created the same. A lot of chemistry goes into those fluids."

Bobcat recommends changing engine oil and filter every 100 hours, as well as the battery and drive. Every 250 hours or once a year replace the fuel filter and check the lift arm lockout manual bypass control.

Austinson is also an advocate of documenting service and repairs.

"Personally, I think that's a big value. When you go back to sell the machine to a second or third owner, it gives that owner some confidence that the machine has been taken care of, the service has been done," he says. "It's also a good example of what the running costs are for that machine."

Nick Crossley, Ditch Witch's product support specialist, trencher and compact utility equipment, cautions not to overlook attachments and hydraulic systems in the maintenance program.

"We have in our operator's manual instructions on how to check the fittings and your hydraulic line wearing gloves and using a piece of cardboard," he says. "While the unit is running at a low idle, you run the cardboard up and down your hoses, looking for any leaks or pinholes that may cause you problems."

As a helpful reminder, Ditch Witch's latest model, the SK850, includes service intervals in the LCD display. "We tried to take some of the guesswork out of that by having it right there on the machine," says Andrew Schuermann, product manager for trenchers and compact utility equipment.

Ditch Witch also uses Gar-Max-style bushings to eliminate the need for daily maintenance.

Kent Van Kooten, training and development specialist with Vermeer, suggests checking safety equipment, such as the neutral start interlock and operator presence systems, every 100 to 200 hours.

"The more maintenance you do, the better," Van Kooten says. "The machine's going to last longer for you and be a better return on investment. A well-maintained machine also is a safer machine. Listen for unusual squeaks or noises and fix them before they become a major problem."



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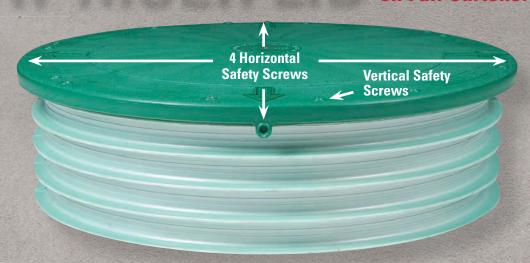
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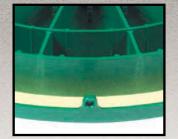
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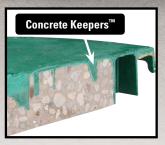




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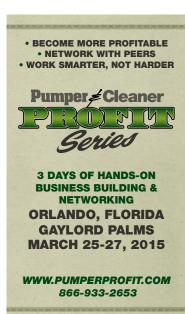
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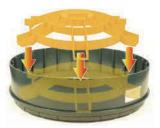


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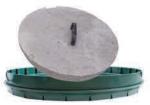
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