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In an abundance of caution and in response to the recent health orders and recommendations regarding COVID-19 in Washington State, the WOSSA Executive Board has approved the postponement of all training classes effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until further notice. We are in support of preventing the spread of COVID-19 and feel this is the appropriate response in these unprecedented times. We will share an update regarding re-opening by March 31.

Please note that wastewater and on-site sewage workers should use standard practices, practice basic hygiene precautions, and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed for current work tasks.

Basic Hygiene Precautions

- Avoid touching face, mouth, eyes, nose, or open sores and cuts while handling human waste or sewage.
- Wash hands with soap and water immediately after handling human waste or sewage.
- After handling human waste or sewage, wash your hands with soap and water before eating or drinking.
- After handling human waste or sewage, wash your hands with soap and water before and after using the toilet.
- Before eating, removed soiled work clothes and eat in designated areas away from human waste and sewage-handling activities.
- Do not smoke or chew tobacco or gum while handling human waste or sewage.
- Keep open sores, cuts, and wounds covered with clean, dry bandages.
- Gently flush eyes with safe water if human waste or sewage contacts eyes.
- Use waterproof gloves to prevent cuts and contact with human waste or sewage.
- Wear rubber boots at the worksite and during transport of human waste or sewage.
- Remove rubber boots and work clothes before leaving worksite.

- Clean contaminated work clothing daily with 0.05% chlorine solution (1 part household bleach to 100 parts water).

Workers handling human waste or sewage should be provided proper PPE, training on how to use it, and hand washing facilities. Workers should wash hands with soap and water immediately after removing PPE. The following PPE is recommended for workers handling human waste or sewage:

- Medical / Exam grade gloves: to prevent exposure to human waste or sewage.
- Goggles: to protect eyes from splashes of human waste or sewage.
- N-95 face mask or splash-proof face shield: to protect nose and mouth from splashes of human waste or sewage.
- Liquid-repellent coveralls: to keep human waste or sewage off clothing.
- Rubber boots: to prevent exposure to human waste or sewage.

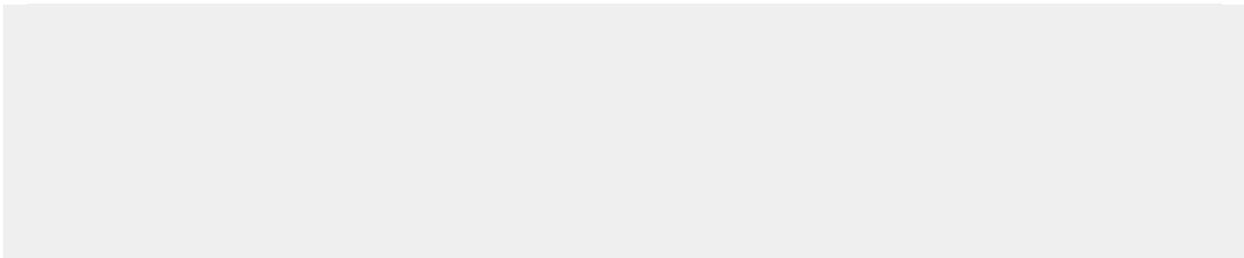
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

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