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Alternative septic systems workshop planned

(Lawrence, KS) – The recently revised Douglas County Sanitary Code brought changes involving alternative septic systems. A Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department workshop will address the proper construction methods of the different types of these septic systems.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb 12 in the second floor meeting rooms of the Community Health Facility, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence. The workshop is free of charge and is open to all licensed septic contractors.

Training will be provided by Residential Sewage Inc. of Grandview, Mo., and Bio-Microbics Inc. of Shawnee. Environmental Health staff also will present training on the proper construction of Wisconsin Mound septic systems.

In October 2008, a revised Sanitary Code was adopted by the Douglas County Commission. Part of the revised code now requires alternative septic systems to be installed for the slowest permeable clay soils within the county (about 15 percent of the county).

Another component of the revised code requires annual maintenance to be conducted on all new alternative systems. As more challenging construction sites are developed, more alternative systems will be constructed in the future.

Alternative systems are more complex than conventional septic systems and require greater expertise and training to install and maintain. For more information, contact the Health Department's Environmental Health program at (785) 843-3060.