

Dear Sewage Enforcement Officer,

We hope this email finds all of you well during this COVID-19 pandemic emergency. We are reaching out to you to inform you of the following:

1. As you are all aware, the end of the Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) certification cycle is June 30, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, including company closures, social distancing, and the uncertainty of how events will evolve in the future, the Department of Environmental Protection is **extending the renewal date and the SEO Continuing Education requirement, currently required by June 30, 2020, to September 30, 2020**. If any of your municipalities need proof of this extension, they can contact us or visit the SEO webpage at <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WastewaterMgmt/Act537/Pages/SewageEnforcementOfficers.aspx> . Please note that from now on your SEO certification cycle will be October 1 through September 30 of even numbered years.
2. The attached document, ***SEO Information and Guidelines During COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Declaration***, includes general information and guidelines for routine disease prevention practices for on-lot sewage system providers, including social-distancing and wearing appropriate personal protection equipment.
3. Up to date information and resources for individuals, families, and businesses in Pennsylvania concerning the COVID-19 virus can be found at PA DEP Alert webpage <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx> .

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us through the SEO Resource Account at RA-seotrng@pa.gov .

Stay healthy and safe,

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