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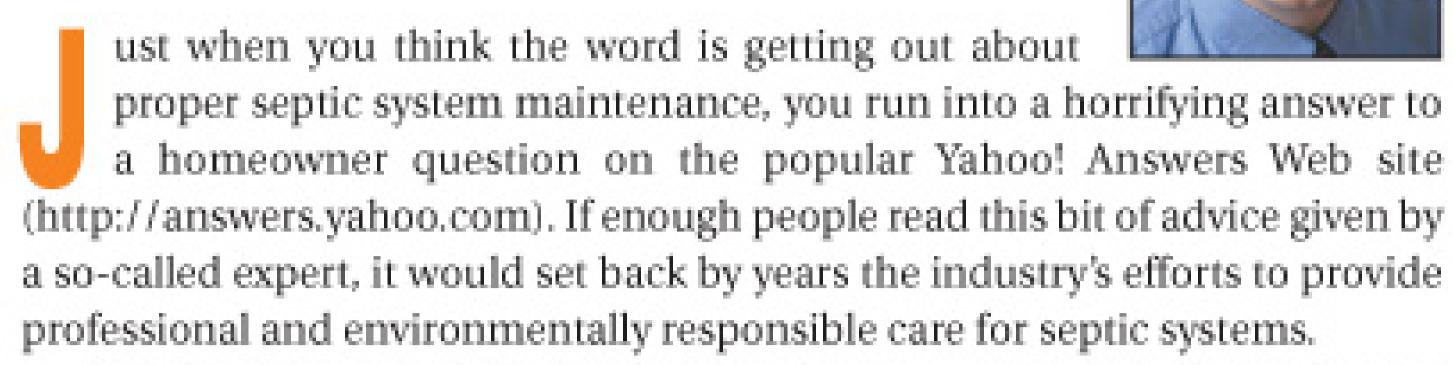




### Reading Between the Lines

# Help Stop the Flow of Bad Advice

By Jim Kneiszel, Editor



Posted on the Web site a few months ago was a question from an anonymous writer: "My septic tank is full. I don't have any money to get the tank pumped. Any idea what I should do?" From among several answers, the asker rated the following response with five stars, noting it was the most valuable advice he received:

"I have an answer for you that not everyone will be receptive to, but if you are in a bad spot financially, it will work. This will only be doable if: 1. You live in the country, 2. Your neighbors live far away or are very nice, 3. You have a field or open ground near your tank." This should give you an idea of where the advisor — who claimed to be a worker in the industry — is going as he tells the questioner to borrow or rent a gas-powered pump and uncover the septic tank lids.

"Pump the water side of the tank out onto the ground. You might want to run some freshwater out there with it, just to knock the smell down. This is basically what the septic tank does anyway through the leech line, only it does it underground.

"This isn't the most sanitary solution, but it will buy you some time ...

There will be no long-term risk of contamination to the soil, as you are only putting dirty water onto the ground. In about a week or so, everything will be back to the way it was before you did this."

While other writers followed up with words of caution — urging the writer to call a professional to pump the tank and diagnose the problem properly — the damage of an ill-advised do-it-yourself solution was already done.

This exchange was disturbing on more than one level. My first question is, how many people working in this industry would offer this up as a viable solution?

I've talked to hundreds of pumping contractors at the Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo International over the years, and I can't imagine any of them telling a homeowner to literally take matters in his own hands like this. Real pumpers know this advice would be irresponsible, especially for someone "in a bad spot financially." What about the disastrous costs should this homeowner contaminate his or a neighbor's water supply? What if his actions cause sickness? What about potential fines should environmental authorities catch on to his actions?

And what about the writer who wanted so badly to believe he could get by on the cheap? Do all of you regularly encounter homeowners who hem and haw about the cost to maintain a vital link to proper sanitation? At the risk of fouling their nest, how many homeowners would try something like this to avoid a pump-out? Maybe I don't want to hear your answers.

We need to be ever-vigilant to counter this sort of ignorance. It's our professional responsibility to septic system users and the environment. The one bit of good news? I went back and checked, and Yahoo deleted the advice from its archives. Perhaps one of you raised a stink ... the other kind.

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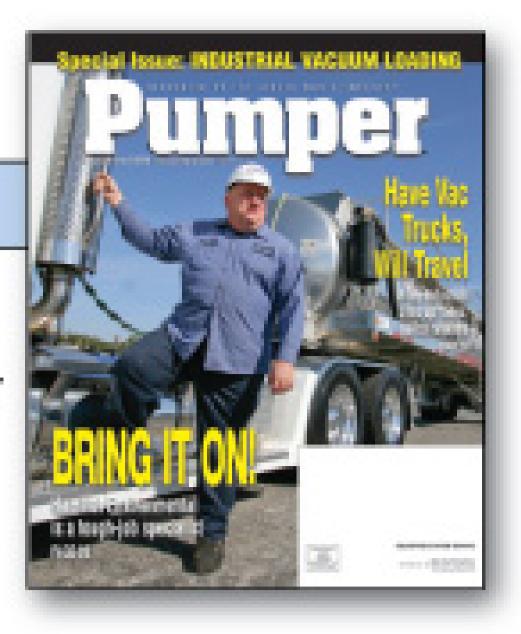
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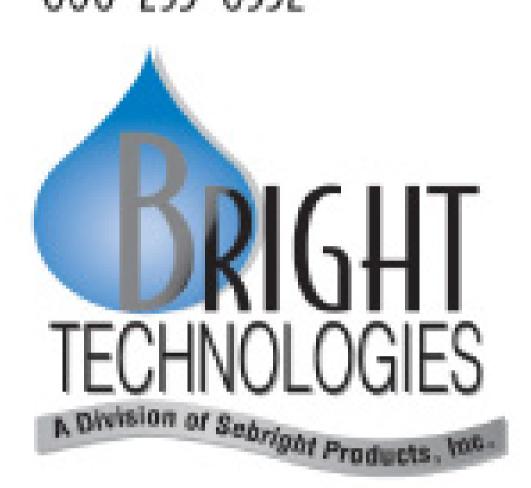
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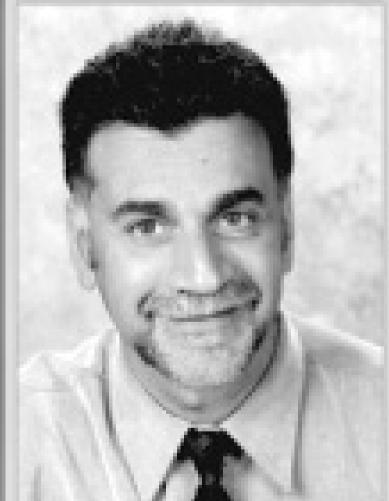
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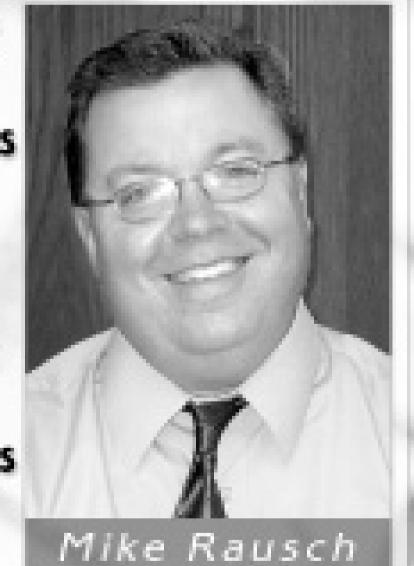




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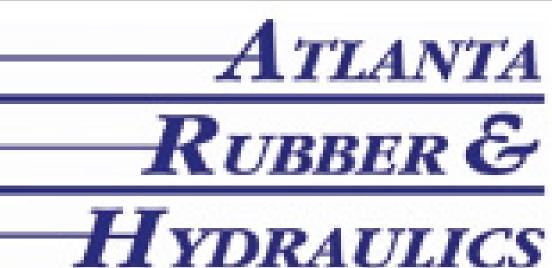
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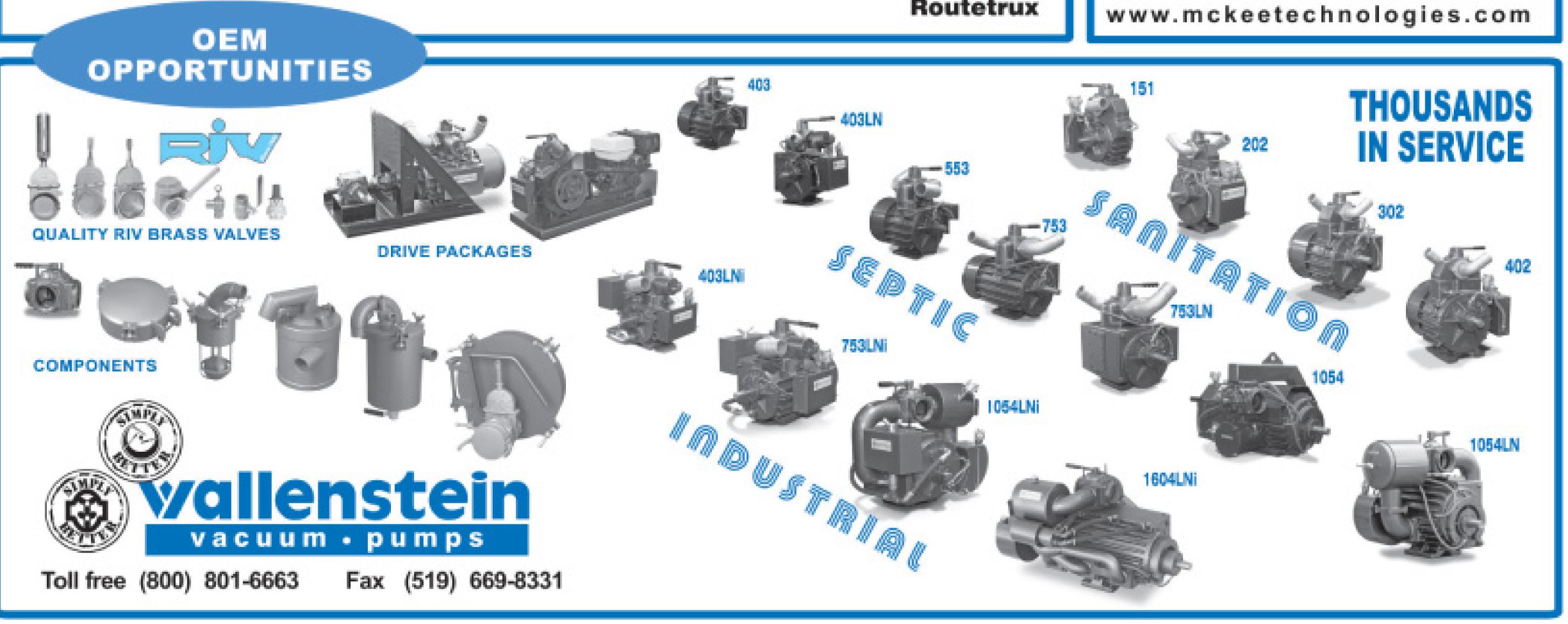
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# Get Cracking on Business Preservation

# If a lagging economy is chipping away at your profitability, get moving on these 10 ways to keep your company ship-shape

#### By George Hedley

ustomers have stopped buying, companies are closing, layoffs are common, banks have stopped lending, consumer confidence is falling. The list goes on. Many business owners hope things get better before it's too late and are struggling to stay afloat during these tough times.

As a business owner or manager, your choice is simple: Do what you know you need to do and do it fast ... or die a slow death.

Most people are afraid to make tough decisions, try new ideas or do business differently. So they continue to hope their outdated business strategies will keep working as they tread water or sink slowly and wait for something good to happen. Even if survival is your goal, past methods won't work.

Running your company the same way you always have will result in failure. The successful contractors will make tough decisions. What difficult choices do you need to make immediately to grow your business and make a profit?

Do these 10 things right now:

#### Set goals to grow and make a profit.

Stop lowering your prices and cutting costs. Start focusing on sales, customers, and making money. Write down your annual targets for revenue, direct costs, overhead expenses, and net profit for the next three years. This will get you aligned in a positive direction so you can decide what steps you'll need to take to achieve your profit goals.

## Cut your fixed cost of doing business. Determine what your business really needs

Determine what your business really needs to prosper in tough times. Decide how much overhead you can cut so you can make a profit with reduced revenue. Eliminate all unnecessary expenditures or underutilized people. Sell or eliminate any underutilized equipment or assets.

#### Preserve cash.

In times like these it's good to keep some cash handy. If you really need a new piece of equipment, do you have an option to lease it as needed rather than buy? Can you outsource or subcontract any services to cut costs? The more services you outsource, the longer you hold on to your cash.

#### Cut your poor performers.

Eliminate poor employees who have bad attitudes, stopped contributing, don't make money or don't fit into your long-range plans. Good people are easier to find now, so you have choices. Rate your people on an "A - B - C" scale. Keep the A workers, train and challenge the B workers and replace the C workers with employees who have the potential to become top performers.

Make a list of your top 10, 20 or 50 repeat customers. Go see them and ask about their needs, problems and plans. Learn how your company can become a bigger part of their future, how you can provide additional services and solutions, and what else you can do to improve your relationship.

#### Visit your top customers.

Most service businesses have a handful of loyal customers who provide 80 percent of their revenue. Make a list of your top 10, 20 or 50 repeat customers. Go see them and ask about their needs, problems and plans. Learn how your company can become a bigger part of their future, how you can provide additional services and solutions, and what else you can do to improve your relationship.

#### Seek new customers and markets.

Continuing to sell your services to the same customers won't give you better results. As sales opportunities decrease, you must increase the number of sales proposals to land the same amount of business. Start looking for more customers, markets and territories. Seek difficult, technical or complicated customer requirements competitors won't go after. Find new underserved locations or forgotten customers waiting for what you have to offer.

#### Get in the opportunity business.

Why do you continue to only offer what you've always provided? Wealthy business owners realize their companies are platforms to seek business opportunities to maximize their bottom line. For example, speedy printers keep busy by printing for customers who show up at their store. Successful printers are proactive and seek new creative types of entrepreneurial opportunities like joint venturing with authors to publish books or producing catalogs for a piece of the profits. Seek strategic alliances, ventures, new profit centers and additional services.

#### Increase sales and marketing.

Now, more than ever, you must make marketing and sales your top priority. Advertise or mail to your target list monthly. Enhance customer relationships via meals, sporting events, and time together. Send thank-you cards and handwritten notes to every customer to let them know you appreciate their business and want to do more. Upgrade your image, presentation, stationery, uniforms, facility, signs, storefront, and Web site.

#### Increase spending on technology.

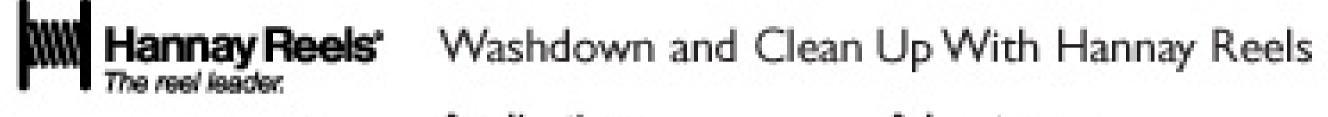
Can you improve or become more efficient by implementing cutting-edge technology? Make it your goal to eliminate paper, and never stop upgrading your technology.

Seek companies to buy. Keep on the lookout for struggling companies available to acquire at low prices. Weak competitors may need an infusion of cash and consider merging with your business. Also look for distressed real estate to invest in. Get out of your comfort zone and look for new ways to make more profit.

#### A FINAL WORD

You can continue to do business the same way and hope it gets better, or you can start looking for new ways to build your business. The only way to succeed in tough times is to make tough decisions, face reality, and change the way you do business. Don't wait until it's too late. Implement these ideas now!





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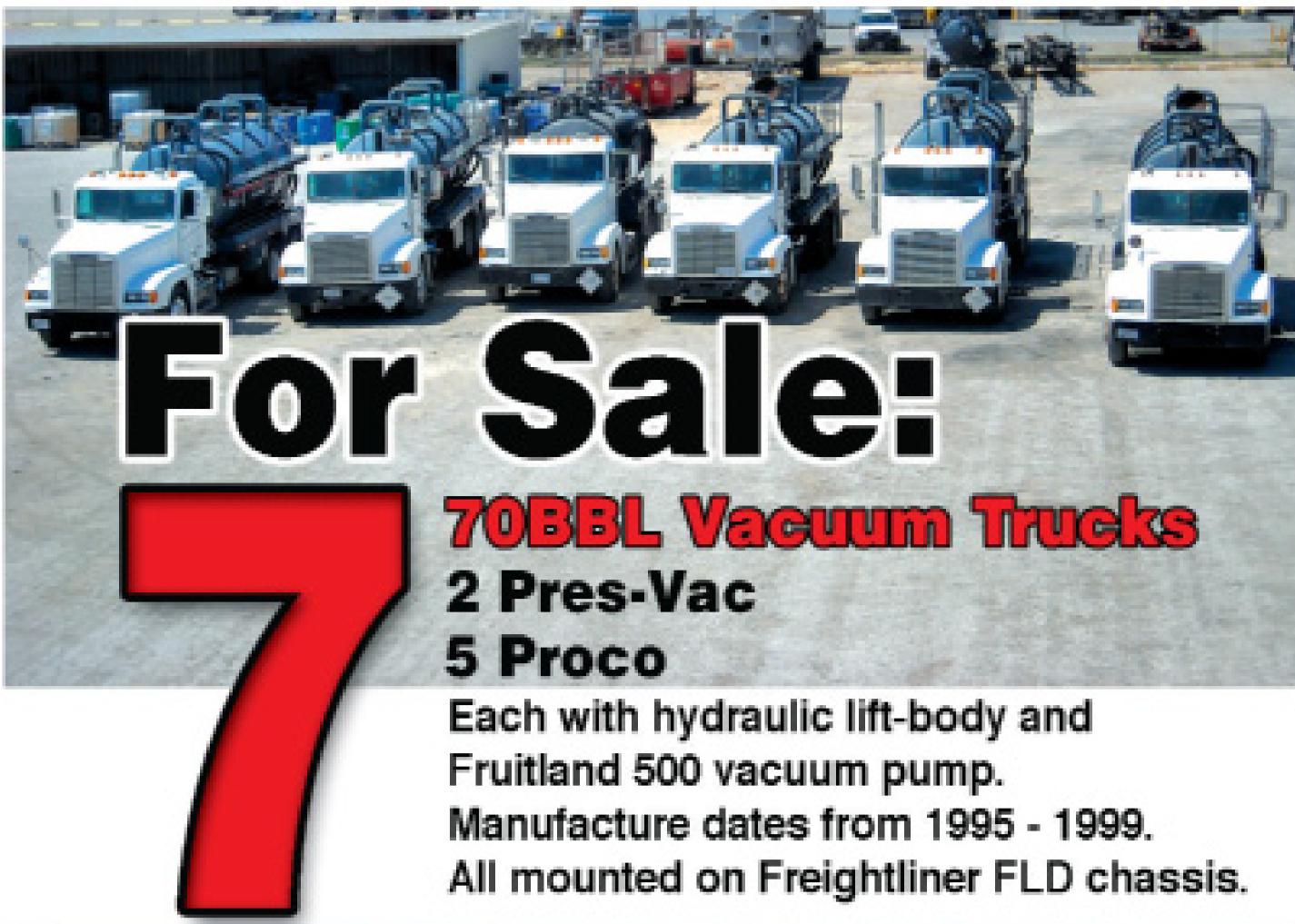
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# Officials Want Investigation of Troubled Michigan Septage Plant

By Scottie Dayton and Doug Day

ichigan's Grand Traverse County Board of Public Works voted to conduct an independent investigation of its troubled \$8 million septage plant to see if it should seek damages over the design and construction. The facility opened in May 2005 and suffered a partial collapse of a holding tank less than a month later. Even since going back into operation, the plant has performed below expectations. Financial projections indicate the plant will lose around \$2.4 million over the next four years, and officials are struggling to come up with funds to cover the losses.

#### CONNECTICUT

There have been some revisions to the technical standards for septic systems as of the first of the year. The changes are published on the Department of Public Health Web site at www.ct.gov/dph under Environmental Health, Subsurface Sewage, Regulations and Technical Standards. Click on the link to Technical Standards Summary of Revisions 2009.

#### **FLORIDA**

The Department of Health has issued a public notice of proposed changes to septic system regulations in the state. The

changes address "tank inspection procedures; operating permits; filters and components; land application of septage; drainfield repairs; portable restrooms; design, construction location and use of septic tanks, dosing systems, drip irrigation systems, performance-based treatment systems, aerobic treatment systems and mound drainfield systems; system abandonment; site evaluations; reports required; and availability of forms." Visit www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/ ostds/rule.htm.

#### **HAWAII**

State officials in Hawaii are considering their options after research indicated that discharges from cesspools are polluting some of the best snorkeling areas. About 60,000 gallons of wastewater are produced by residents in two subdivisions near the Wai Opae tide pools, news reports say. Studies have found high levels of fecal bacteria in the ocean waters near the subdivisions, which have developed only half of their lots. solutions include Proposed installing individual septic systems at a cost of about \$32,000 each, or a community sewer system at an estimated cost of \$7.8 million.

#### IDAHO

The state senate in February killed a bill calling for more stringent requirements for new septic systems. The proposal from the Department of Environmental Quality to require larger drainfields came after an extensive rule-making process and years of debate.

Rules and Regs is a monthly feature in Pumper. We welcome information about state or local regulations of potential broad interest to onsite contractors. Send ideas to editor@pumper.com.

#### **IOWA**

Effective last July 1, all septic systems must be inspected before any sale or transfer of the deed of any building or business. Such septic systems do not have to meet current codes in order to pass the inspection, but they do have to meet the requirements included in their installation permit and must be operating properly.

The Department of Natural Resources also developed a certification program to make sure there would be enough inspectors. After applying for certification, people must complete a training course and pass a test. Applicants must have two years of experience working with septic systems. Certification costs \$350 and is good for two years. Inspectors must have 12 hours of continuing education during each two-year certification period.

#### MAINE

A bill to require a license for onsite system installers failed in committee in April. The requirements would have included being a licensed plumber and maintaining certain insurance coverage. The Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development killed the bill.

#### MISSISSIPPI

As of last July 1, septic systems in Mississippi must be approved by health officials before they can be used. Rural areas that use wells for drinking water are exempt. New regulations also have stricter requirements for the maintenance of some alternative systems. Homeowners can either contract for the maintenance or become certified to do their own work.





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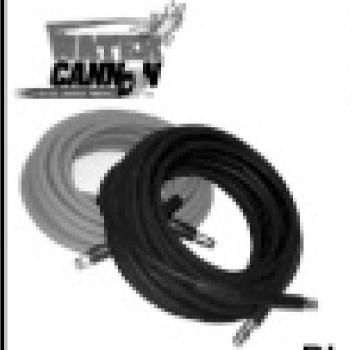
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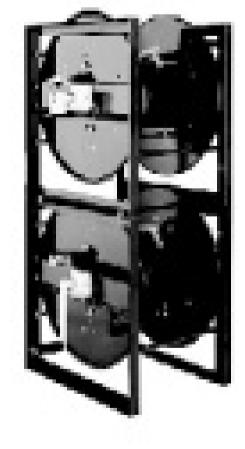
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hile some industrial vacuum loading contractors might shy away from hazardous work, such as cleaning tanks holding high flash or explosive materials, Haz-Mat Environmental Services considers challenging and dangerous duty its bread and butter service.

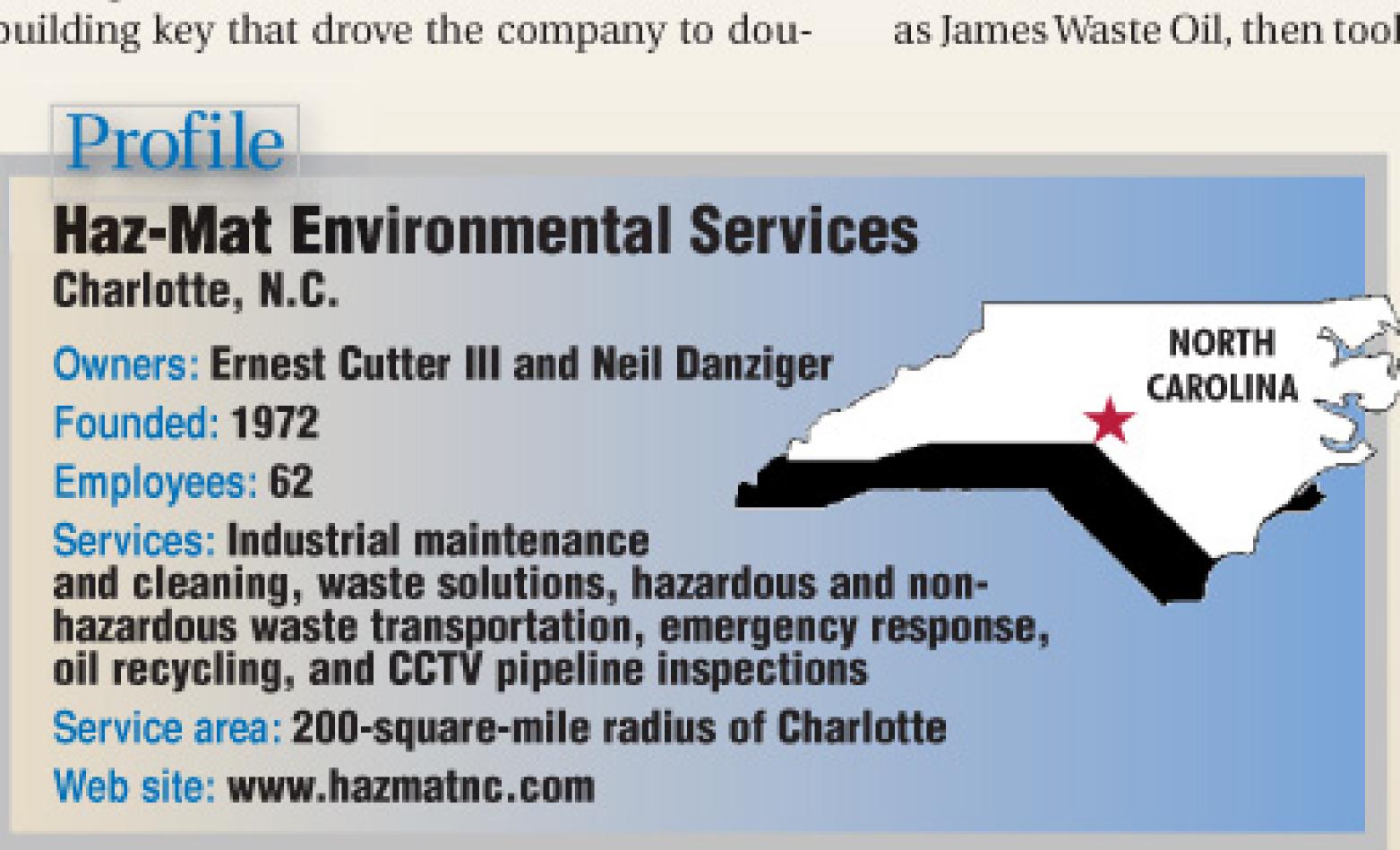
Always seeking to diversify, the Charlotte, N.C.-based Haz-Mat wants to answer the call from new customers with formidable industrial vacuum loading tasks. A long history of seeking new revenue streams is the businessbuilding key that drove the company to double its revenues to \$12 million over the past three years.

And constantly looking in new directions for work has led this old-line firm into recycling waste oil, emergency maintenance, CCTV pipe inspection ... even a little com-

mercial septage pumping done as a courtesy to regular customers.

#### MARKET FOR DIVERSITY

Haz-Mat started in 1944 as James Waste Oil, then took on its new name in 1972. Company headquarters is an office and eight-bay garage with wash stall on eight acres. Across the road is its 30,000-square-foot waste treatment plant and 700,000-gallon tank farm for storing wastewater and oil. The largest of 20 above-ground

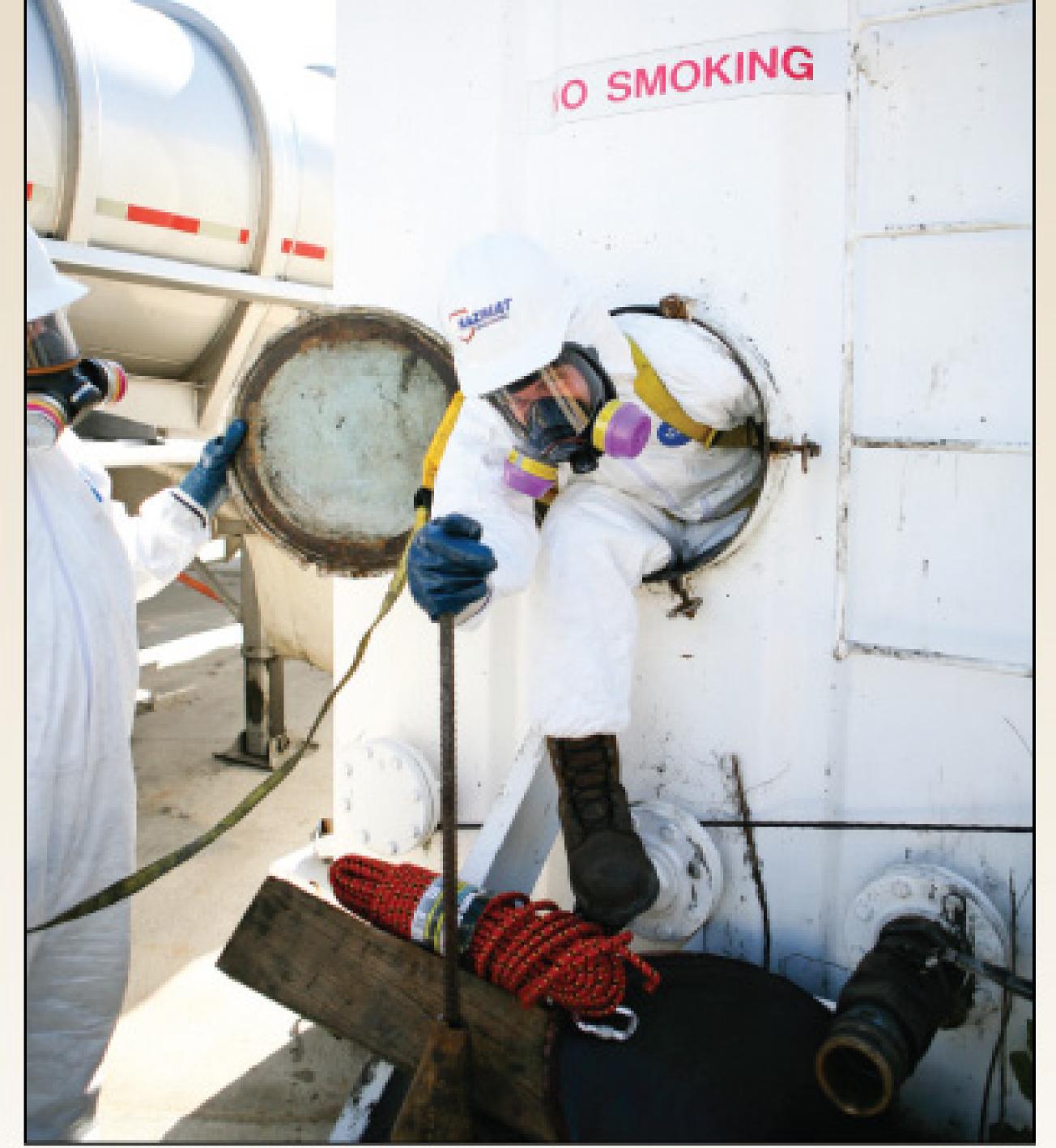




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At left: Haz-Mat provides 24-hour service, as shown in this emergency response to a cleanup at a nearby tributary. Personnel (above) are trained in confined space rescue and entry.

tanks holds 150,000 gallons, but average capacity is 30,000 gallons.

When Ernest Cutter III bought Haz-Mat in 2005, he hired Neil Danziger to enlarge the company's menu of industrial cleanup capabilities. Drawing on 17 years of experience in the environmental services area, the new operations manager networked with his contacts and achieved Cutter's initial objectives.

One of the company's largest contracts is with Duke Energy. The North and South Carolina utility calls Haz-Mat for most of its remediation needs, mainly transformers that spill oil on the ground when they break. A dedicated three- to four-man crew with a

service truck, small dump truck, and mini excavator collect and dispose of the liquids and solids.

Duke Energy, however, wanted to develop a wood recycling program to dispose of or recycle pallets, reels, and snapped utility poles treated with copper, chromium, and arsenic, or CCA, all considered contaminates. "We'd never done anything like that before, so we put together a model and presented it to the customer," says Danziger.

Haz-Mat purchased two large grapple trucks, much like the timber industry uses to grab logs. Employees travel to 48 sites six days a week collecting wood debris. General

debris, such as pallets and spools, is chipped, shredded and used for boiler fuel or to cover playgrounds. Weathered utility poles are taken to a landfill, but Duke and Danziger are looking at recycling options.

"Regulations on handling CCA wood debris are very strict," says Danziger. "Burning it as fuel is prohibited because of the leftover ash and tar. However, we're working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to gain approval to burn the debris on the utility's coal piles." The Duke Energy contract accounts for approximately 7- to 8-percent of Haz-Mat's annual revenue.

The company's main customers are the petrochemical industry and manufacturers of

hydraulics and industrial metal parts. Haz-Mat pumps no residential septage, but does service industrial clients' large domestic sewage runoff pits. "Hauling septage is an added benefit," says Danziger. "We don't openly pursue it because that isn't our forte, but it is part of our service."

The company uses its Industrial Vac Series vacuum loaders from Wastequip Cusco Inc. to pump less than 50,000 gallons of septage per year. Water is discharged to the city, but solids go to a nearby septic pumping company for disposal, along with a small amount of grease trap waste.

Pumping grease traps is another service done only for the benefit of customers. "It accounts for less than 1 per-



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Neil Danziger



stainless steel tanks containing liquid styrene used to make plastic products," says Danziger. "It's very flammable. We pump what is removable and transport it for

fuels blending."

What remains in the tanks has the viscosity of thick honey, and is too rubbery to shovel or push with squeegees. The technicians, following confined space safety procedures, enter through a manway and remove the residue with non-sparking hammers. If the styrene is still gooey, they use hand scrapers.

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more challenging contracts

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cent of our business because we can't recycle the grease."

#### EMLOYEE PROBLEM SOLVERS

Danziger says his employees have proven creative in solving cleanup challenges. One example involved a quarterly job to clean metal scale waste from milling machines. The men, working in cramped spaces behind and below the machines, broke up the heavy material by hand. Instead of corrugated hose to vacuum the debris, they used solid rubber ones that withstood the sharp edges on the scale.

One day Jackie Fielder, with 30 years of

industrial experience, was thinking aloud about integrating a Vactor combination truck with jet rodder to help break up the scale. "Jackie's idea cut a two-day job in half," says Danziger. "The customer was very happy to start production a day earlier than usual."

Haz-Mat's crews have taken on hazardous jobs other contractors refuse, such as cleaning tanks holding high flash or explosive materials. Cusco vacuum trucks are used



At left: Head mechanic Bruce Honeycutt works on a pump repair. Above: Juan Duarte at the controls of his 2008 Cusco truck.

#### TOUGH-JOB FLEET

Last year, a large tire production facility in Charlotte closed, and Haz-Mat received the contract to clean 20 process oil tanks holding 10,000 to 40,000 gallons. The largest, a 1-million-gallon six-hole No. 6 fuel oil tank, had tar-like residue. Workers pumped off the liquid through manholes and mixed it on site with sawdust in a roll-off container to form a scoopable substance suitable for transport to the landfill. They then cut a large door in the tank and mixed the remaining sludge with sawdust. Another contractor dismantled the tank after it was hot pressure washed.

Haz-Mat runs eight Industrial Vac Series vacuum loaders from Wastequip Cusco Inc. The trucks have 3,500-gallon debris tanks, Hibon A20 blowers producing 3,000 cfm/28inches of vacuum, 2,500-psi pressure washers, and 500-gallon freshwater tanks with 35-65 gpm/2,000 psi triplex water pumps. Two HXX HydroExcavators from Vactor Manufacturing Inc. have 2,000-gallon debris tanks, 4,200 cfm/30-inches of mercury blowers, 1,000-gal-

> lon freshwater tanks with 12 gpm/10,000 triplex pumps, and jet rodders. Eight vacuum tankers from various makers, with 6,000- and 7,000-gallon aluminum or stainless steel tanks, complete the fleet.

Aaron Drage prepares to take a sample from his 7,000-gallon aluminum vacuum tanker prior to off-loading at Haz-Mat's permitted wastewater treatment plant.

#### EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Danziger credits an experienced staff for Haz-Mat's success. Many employees came from a large industrial cleaning and emergency response company that closed in 2002. At the time they had 10 to 15 years of experience. "New hires are typically referred by employees, who feel a sense of responsibility and want the new guy to work out," says Danziger.

All employees have extensive medical benefits, short-term/long-term disability, and a life insurance policy. The company also pays 100 percent of employee health insurance and offers a 401(k) plan.

The acquisition of a pipeline inspection company brought eight people and multiple trucks. Buying the company continued Haz-Mat's trend toward diversification. Danziger maintains an optimistic outlook for Haz-Mat despite a gloomy economy.

"We expect to do \$13 to \$14 million in business

this year, but I'd like to see it at \$20 million," says Danziger. "We're always looking for additional acquisitions that fit our company and enable customers to make one call for all their environmental needs."

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Pumped oily water is stored at the company's 700,000-gallon tank farm. Solids, which settle in the vacuum trucks, are solidified, mixed, and sent to a Subtitle D landfill, a lined structure built into or on the ground that isolates waste from the environment, collects gas generated by the decomposition process, and has groundwater-monitoring wells.

"Oil and water have two different specific gravities and separate naturally when allowed to sit," says operations manager Neil Danziger. "We collect the oil floating on top of the water and pump it into a separate tank where it is filtered, heated, and chemically treated."

The company's 10,000-square-foot waste treatment plant processes 1 million gallons annually of off-spec fuel. Haz-Mat sends samples to labs for analysis, guaranteeing that each batch meets the customer's parameters of water content, flash point, metals content and Btu per gallon. Off-spec fuel oil is often resold through brokers for use in asphalt burners.

"Waste oil is a good spinoff for pumpers because they run across a lot of oily waters on their routes," says Danziger. "Pursuing it gives their customers a recycling service instead of a disposal service. If managed correctly, collecting, refining, and reselling oil can be a steady revenue stream.

"Even pumpers with as few as 10 oily water customers can branch into the business provided they collect a good product," he says. "Companies like Haz-Mat will buy it. Haulers can make 5 to 20 cents a gallon depending on the deal they worked on their end. Large volume businesses will encounter enough decent oil to make it beneficial to resell."

Asphalt burners are the end users of most off-spec fuel, causing prices to fluctuate with the seasons. "Nobody buys oil from November or December to March in the Carolinas," says Danziger. "Consequently, we pay haulers less and we resell it for less, but prices increase once road construction begins again."

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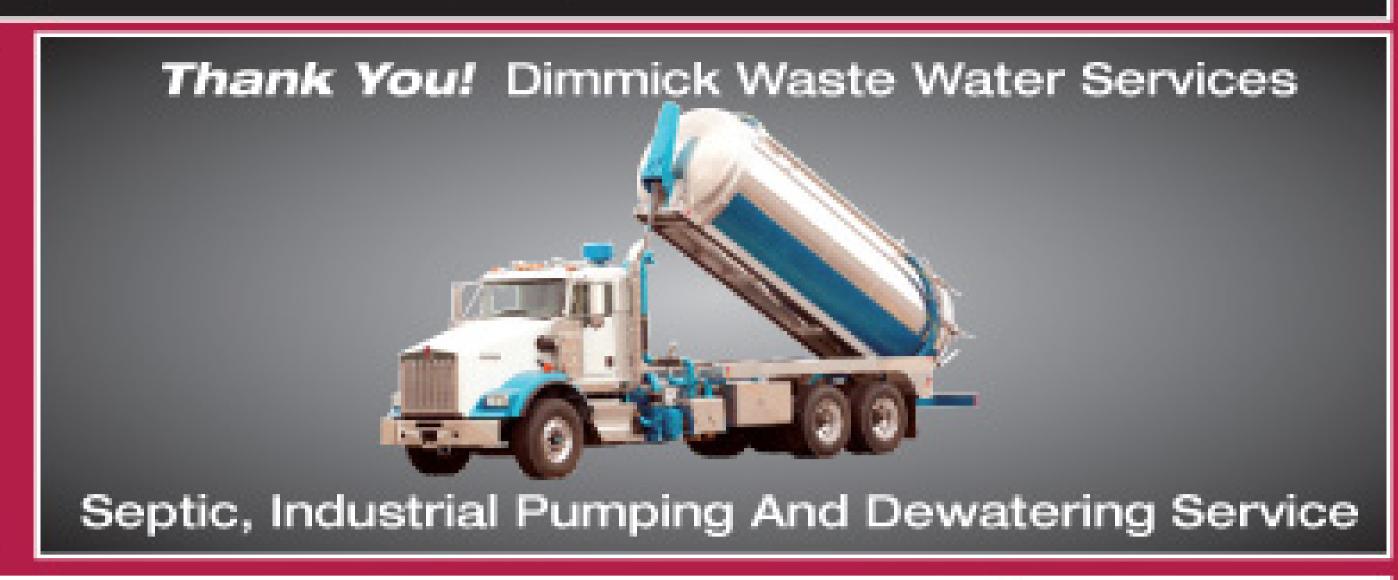






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#### Profile

## Riley Industrial Services Inc. Farmington, N.M.

Principal owner: George "Sonny" Riley II

Founded: 1970 Employees: 325

Services: Industrial vacuum loading, hydroexcavating, sandblasting and waterblasting

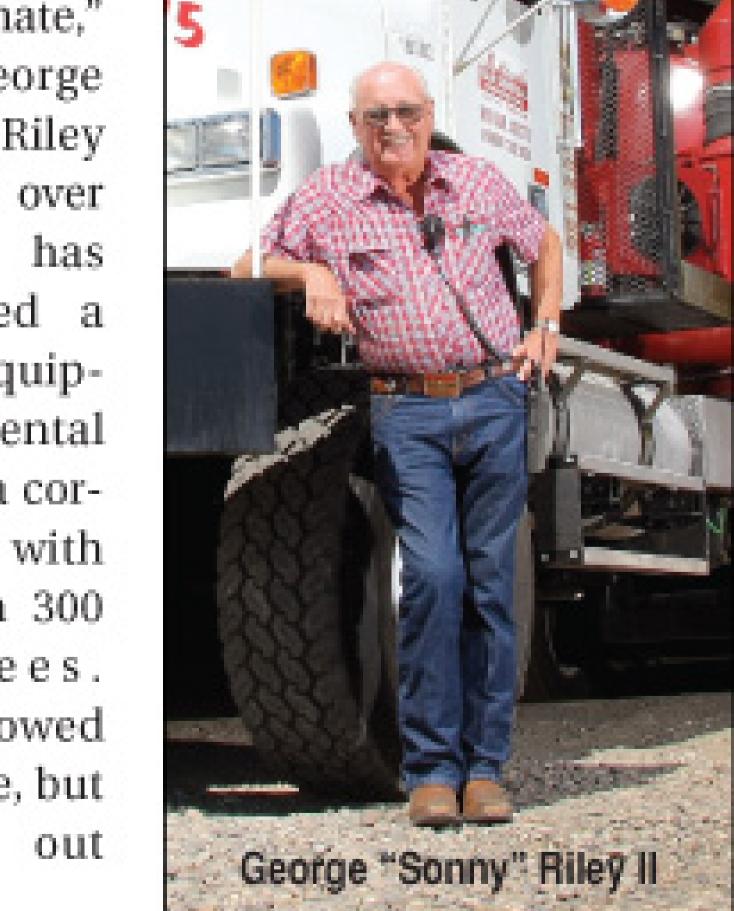
Service area: Northwest New Mexico, northeast Arizona, southwest Utah and southwest Colorado

Web site: www.rileyindustrial.com

he national economy may be in shambles, but as evidenced by the recent addition of \$3.3 million in new vacuum, hydroexcavating and wetvac trucks, no one at Riley Industrial Services Inc. got the memo.

Thanks to a diverse business base that's largely recession-proof and meticulous attention to machine maintenance, the Farmington, N.M.-based industrial cleaning company continues to thrive. Its primary services are industrial vacuum loading, sand and waterblasting, tank recoating and hydroexcavating.

"We've been very fortunate," George says "Sonny" Riley II, 74, who over 39 years has transformed a small equiprental ment shop into a corporation with more than 300 employees. "We've slowed down some, but not like out East."



#### NEW VAC TRUCKS

The Riley Industrial complex features 130,000 square feet of shop space, including a 20,000square-foot repair shop and a 4,500-square-foot welding shop. Its fleet of equipment includes 30 vacuum trucks, mostly Supersuckers made by Super Products LLC; 20 GapVax hydroexcavating

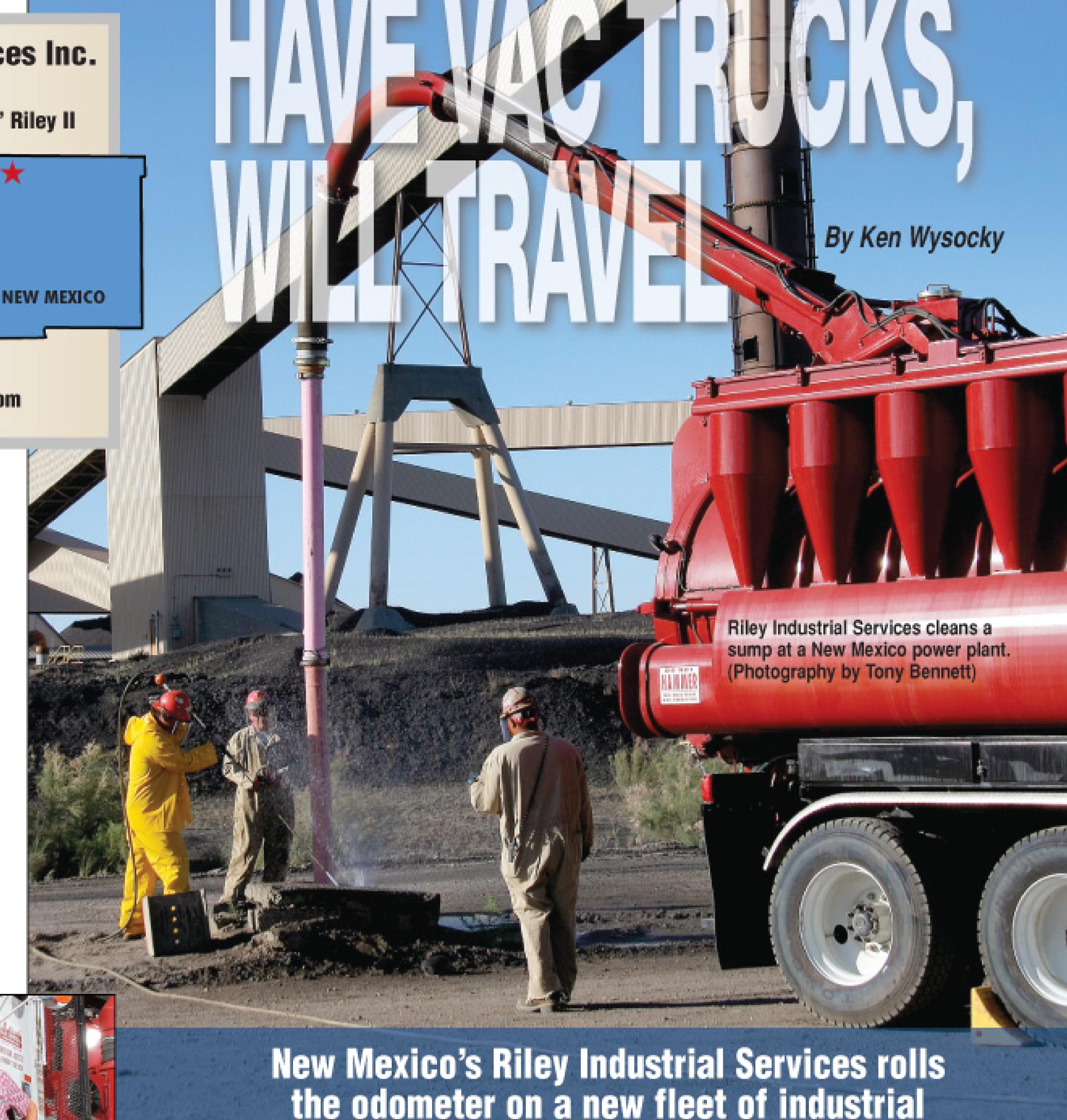
trucks, made by GapVax Inc.; six wet-vac trucks, made by Global Vacuum Systems Inc.; 75 sandblasting units; 14 waterblasting machines; 225 18-wheel trucks; and 100 flatbed trailers.

During the past year, Riley Industrial purchased three GapVax hydroexcavators, four Supersucker trucks and four Global wet-vac trucks to handle growing demand for industrial cleaning services.

vac trucks serving a sprawling region

Riley depends on the GapVax trucks to safely locate 30- to 32inch-diameter underground natural gas and oil pipelines, many of which are decades old and difficult to find because of poor recordkeeping and businesses that change hands multiple times. In addition, there's also the hazard of destroying unmarked, buried fiber optic lines.

"There's an unbelievable maze of pipelines around these parts," he explains. "They didn't use maps back then, so no one knows where anything is. You can use metal detectors, but they can be two or three feet off the mark. And if the tooth of a backhoe hits a buried, pressurized pipeline,





Riley Industrial team members (front row, from left) include Chris Honneffer, Jon Hutchison, Ralph Doolin, Rick Brite, George Riley III, George "Sonny" Riley II, Gary Riley, Glen Riley, Amy Riley and Alicia Riley-McCuller. Pictured in the second row (from left) are G.W. Riley and Darrell Griffith.

it'll rupture and explode. So we use a hydroexcavator to locate them so our clients can do repairs and maintenance."

The Supersucker trucks are used primarily to remove fly ash from utility power plants, which comprise another main business sector for the company. The Global wet-vac trucks are used to clean production tanks located in oil and natural gas fields and oil refineries. A typical production tank is 12 feet in diameter, 20

feet tall and holds almost 17,000 gallons of liquid. Riley estimates that tens of thousands of these "slop tanks" stand throughout the Southwest.

#### STARTING OUT

Riley Industrial's roots stretch back to 1970 when Riley, who ran an equipment rental company, decided to put some under-utilized air compressors to work doing sandblasting jobs on the side. Soon work was steady enough for Riley to strike out in a different direction.

"I really wanted to get away from working with the drilling rigs in the oil fields," he explains. "I had done it all my life, and was tired of it. Working in the oil fields means days and nights, seven days a week, 13 months a year.

But even after forming Riley Industrial, the comremained pany largely dependent cleaning and recoating oil and water-storage tanks. That continued until 1983, when Riley set a

goal: Stop being 100 percent dependent on the oil/natural gas industry, with its frustrating and nerve-wracking boom-and-bust cycles.

"We started to diversify by getting into vacuuming up fly ash in big silos at two local power plants," Riley explains. "Sometimes it's so hot in there that the hoses catch on fire. At peak demand, I'm told those plants can lose \$200,000 an hour in revenue when they're down, so they don't waste any time waiting

At first, Riley encountered tough sledding as the new kid on the power-plant block. The two local plants already had established long-standing business relationships with other contractors, so Riley says he literally begged for the chance to bid on jobs, starting with small tankrecoating projects.

"It took about 10 years to get in good with the power plants," Riley says. "When they said jump, we'd ask how high they wanted us to go."

#### DIVERSIFICATION RULES

Riley says he can't emphasize enough how critical diversification has been to his business. Most contractors operate in two or three different industries, while Riley Industrial is active in nine or 10.

"With clients in different industries, your business is steadier, as opposed to boomand-bust cycles," he says. "In summer, we do a lot of watertank lining for municipalities. In winter, we do maintenance work — sandblasting and recoating when the power plants shut down for overhauls, one unit at a time for two or three weeks.

"In October, we go up into Wyoming and work all winter, recoating cooling-tower basins for coal-fired power plants. That's five or six months of work."

To become diverse also requires a willingness to travel —



Aaron Sesvechan and Theodore Dance prepare for a vacuum job at a power plant. Originally dependant on the oil and gas industry, Riley Industrial diversified into vacuuming fly ash in 1983.



panies won't. Riley Industrial works within a 500-mile radius of Farmington, which is in northwest New Mexico in the so-called Four Corners region, the barren and remote area where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah meet.

"There's nothing out here, so you've got to go a long way to get to anything," Riley says. "Plus, we're the only company of any significance that provides these kinds of services.

"Today, we're loading up to go to Opal, Wyo., which is 500 miles away, to clean out natural-gas line filters and traps. No one else wants to mess with that stuff, and I never back down. I don't know how to say no. Sure, we've stubbed our toes a few times ... but we learn from our mistakes."

Diversification also requires the vigilance to spot new opportunities. For example, Riley noticed that the company's one large water tank was always in use, both for hauling water to jobsites for cleaning projects and taking dirty water away for disposal. "So now we haul a lot of water," Riley says.

In a similar vein, Riley noticed that many power plants were ill-equipped to keep large boilers from freezing if they broke down during winter. So the company now generates revenue

through 24 large,

portable, propanepowered heaters.

#### MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Riley has a knack for fabricating equipment, a skill acquired during his many years as a mechanic and machinist in the oil fields of West Texas.

"I've built 90 percent of everything we own, except for the vac trucks," Riley says. "I started building my own equipment out of necessity, because we were undercapitalized when I started the business."

For example, Riley couldn't find sandblasting units that were easy to clean, so he developed his own. The units can be either unloaded pneumatically, or crews can vacuum out residue through a door on the bottom of the machine.

Riley is a stickler for wellmaintained equipment. He still has the first pickup truck he ever bought (in 1970), his first air compressor (circa 1971), his first sandblasting truck (purchased in 1976) and

Riley uses one of its 30 vacuum trucks for an industrial cleaning job in front of cooling towers at a power plant in New Mexico.

#### Personal Touch Wins Bids

George "Sonny" Riley II takes job bids personally. Instead of relying on project specs faxed or e-mailed from a project manager, the principal owner of Riley Industrial Services in Farmington, N.M., visits jobsites in person to observe any nuances that mere specifications wouldn't disclose. And in many cases, that personal touch sets him apart from competitors.

To illustrate the importance of personal visits, Riley points to a tank-painting job the company bid on 25 or 30 years ago for a major oil company in Gallup, N.M. After driving 140 miles to take a look in person, he drove back home to work up a bid.

While developing the bid, Riley had a feeling something wasn't quite right, so he drove all the way back to Gallup to re-measure the tank. Satisfied that his initial calculations were correct, he drove back and finished the bid.

Later, the project manager called Riley and told him he submitted the highest bid.

"I told him I usually do, but that's because we do the best job," Riley says. "I said if you want a cheaper job, throw my bid away."

The project manager then told Riley that he was the only contractor who visited the jobsite in person — twice, no less. In addition, the manager had received glowing reports from everyone on Riley's long list of references.

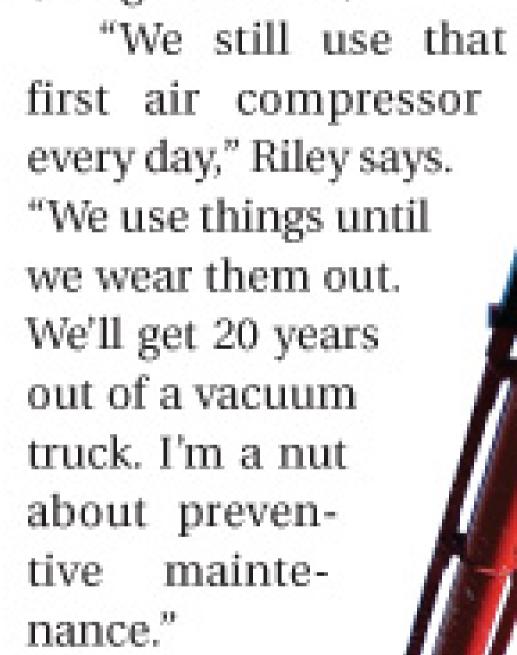
"He told me there's no way I have that many kinfolk around here, and gave me a purchase order number for the job," he says.

Riley says prospective customers always ask if he can do a good, cheap job. He replies that it's an either/or proposal.

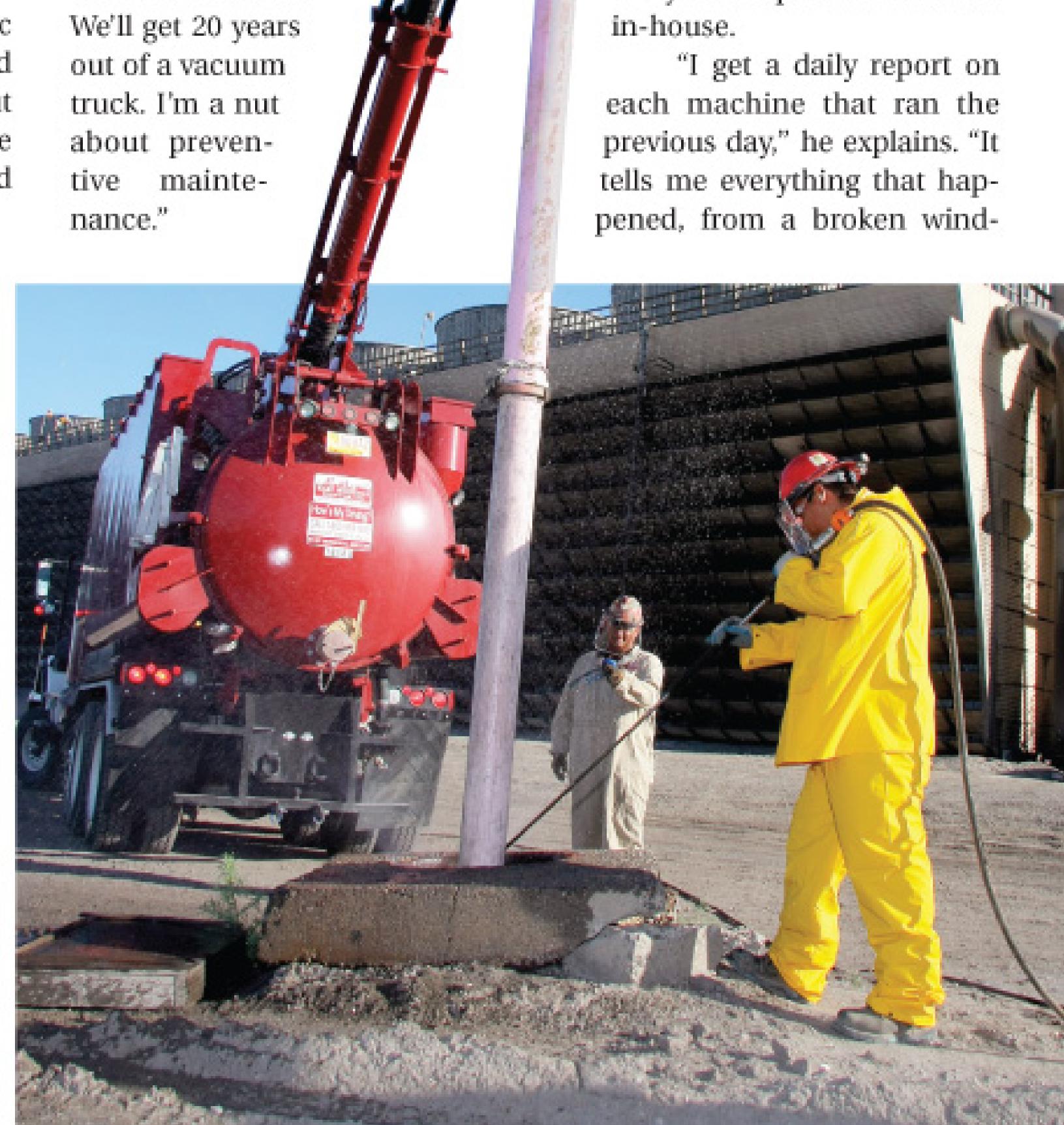
"I tell them I can do it cheap or do it good, but I won't do cheap," he says. "My reputation means too much to me."

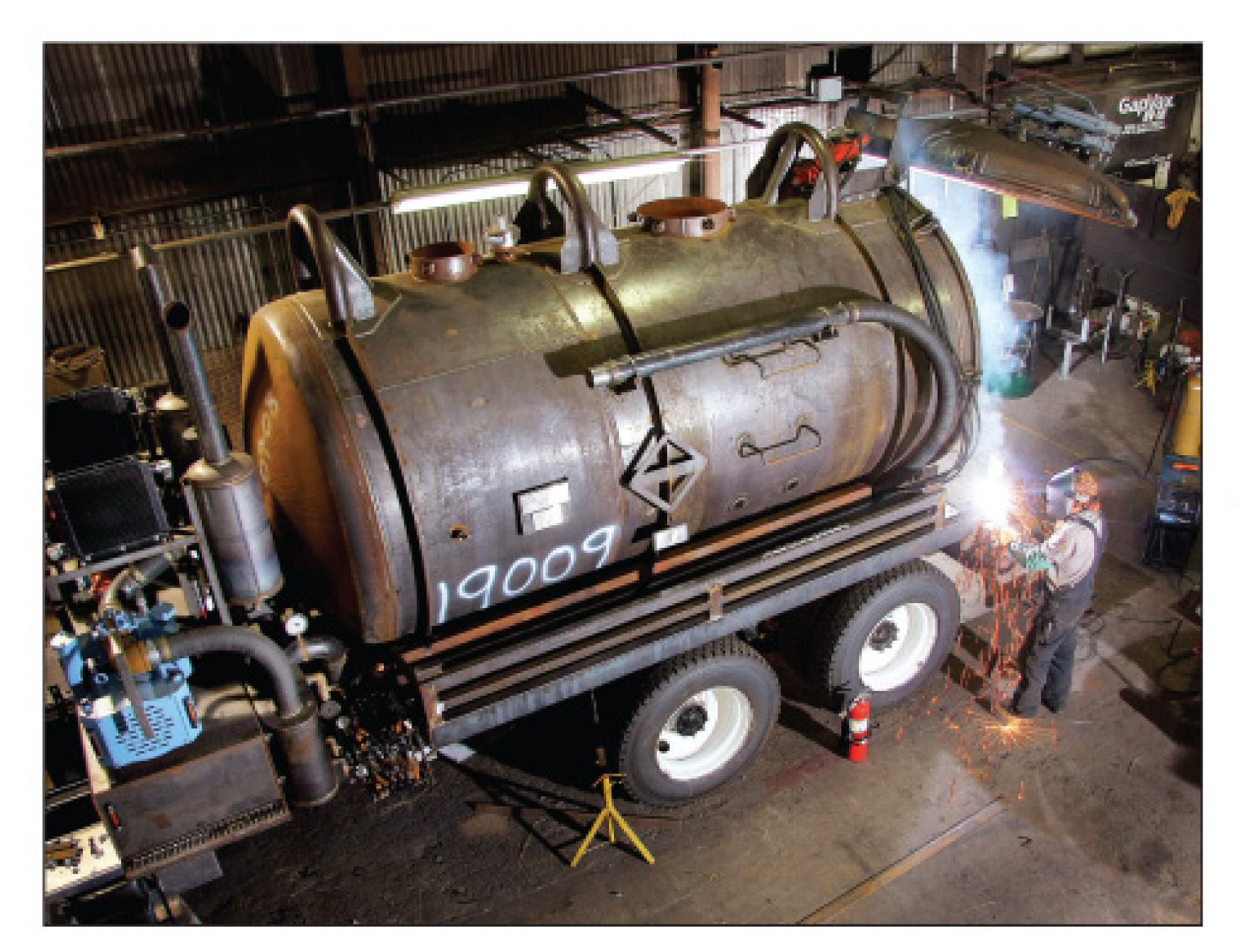
Like so many things in his business, Riley takes it personally.

his first vacuum truck (bought in 1982).



To stay on top of equipment maintenance sched-Industrial Riley ules, depends on software that tracks every detail about each piece of equipment. Riley developed the software in-house.





James Sagg makes modifications to a new wet-vac truck.

shield wiper to a funny noise in a transmission to a rear end being out. It tells us when the next service interval is, so we don't send a vehicle out of town when it's due for service."

Riley oversees 22 employees and is responsible for all vehicle repairs, maintenance and manufacturing. With so much equipment, it's critical for the company to have its own repair and maintenance department to avoid machine downtime.

"If we have a truck go down, a dealer would tell you he'll get to it next week," Riley notes. "Hell, we'll have it up and running by tomorrow."

#### WONDERFUL WORKERS

Riley says his company's success stems from its employees. To attract and retain workers, he says the company offers very competitive wages, a profit-sharing plan, bonuses and a 401(k) retirement program. Attractive wages and benefits are especially important to retaining field employees, who are often away from home for extended periods and do tough, dirty work. Riley Industrial pays workers a per diem and provides all transportation during out-of-town projects.

"These guys make good money — up to high five figures to low six figures," Riley says. "They're very dedicated workers who routinely put in 12- and 14hour days. We have 75 or 100 guys who've been here at least 15 years, and many employees have brothers and/or sons working here, too. I like to think it speaks well of us as an employer."

Riley's sons help run the company. George Riley III, 51, is in charge of production and sales; Gary, 50, is the secretary/treasurer; and Glen, 45, is an equipment operator and coordinator. George Riley III's son and two daughters also work at the company.

What's the key to achieving harmony in a family-run operation? Mutual respect and delegation of distinct responsibilities that don't overlap, Riley says.

"It's good to give everyone their own area of responsibility," he says. "That way there's no hassling. It also helps that this operation is so big that no one can do it alone. It's very demanding."

#### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

What's the key to being a successful manager of a large operation? Riley firmly believes in leading by example, and leaving "WITH CLIENTS IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES, YOUR **BUSINESS IS STEADIER, AS OPPOSED TO BOOM-**AND-BUST CYCLES. IN SUMMER, WE DO A LOT OF WATER-TANK LINING FOR MUNICIPALITIES. IN WINTER, WE DO MAINTENANCE WORK — SAND-BLASTING AND RECOATING — WHEN THE POWER PLANTS SHUT DOWN FOR OVERHAULS, ONE UNIT AT A TIME FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS."

#### George Riley II

people alone if they do something well, instead of micromanaging.

"I'm not a tyrant — a hollerer or a screamer," he says. "I lead by example. There's nothing my employees do that I won't do, if necessary."

Riley says his company's future looks bright. Even in a deep

recession, the company keeps expanding. "We reach farther and try harder," he says when asked to explain his company's success. "When we hear about

something, we really pursue it."

And keep on diversifying in the process.

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he problem with Thomas "Tony" Thompson's leisure time pursuit is that the best season to enjoy it is also what he calls "portable restroom season," when he's busiest running his Anniston, Ala., company, East Alabama Portables.

But Thompson, 43, "lives to ride" as Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts like to say, and fits it in wherever he can. He rides to work, church, out to dinner or to visit friends in the evening.

"Sometimes on weekends I'll just slip off by myself," he says. "I've ridden to North Carolina and up to Missouri where I grew up."

Thompson would like to get others in the industry riding too.

"Usually if there's nice weather, it's nice portable restroom weather, but whenever I'm not somewhere working I'll go on some rides," he says. "There are so many nice places to ride around here, and I've had several people in the industry mention getting together to ride. I'd like to get some people in the industry to come down some weekend and ride to Tennessee or north into the mountains of Georgia."

Thompson bought his first Harley, a 2006 Screamin' Eagle Fat Boy, about four years ago. He has since added a 2006 Ultra Classic to his stable, and he bought his wife, Selena, a 2002 Fat Boy. Selena's bike has a cus-

tom purple pearlescent paintjob that Thompson jokes about saying, "now the only time I'll ride hers is after dark." Not to be outdone in the customization department, he had his Ultra Classic chromed and painted to match his 2006 Corvette.

On long motorcycle rides, Thompson says his wife will still ride with him on the Ultra Classic because it's more comfortable. But around Anniston, she's on her own.

"When I got my bike, she rode on the back a few times and said, 'I room every day and she'll ride it to church too, which raises a few eyebrows. People at church just don't expect to see a woman riding her own motorcycle, I guess."

REWARDING EXPERIENCE

His first Harley was a way Thompson rewarded himself for his hard

want my own,' " he says. "She rides it 15 miles to her job at a school lunch-

His first Harley was a way Thompson rewarded himself for his hard work during the six months he spent in Mississippi providing portable restrooms for the relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

"First I stayed in a camper in Hattiesburg at Camp Shelby and then in Biloxi where we set up base camp in the parking lot of the coliseum," he says. "And we had other camps set up for drivers.

"We had portable toilets set up in half the state of Mississippi," Thompson says. "It was quite an adventure.

"I still had a month or so left on the contract when I bought the bike there at a dealership in Mississippi," he adds. "I rode it home."

To complete his new biker look, Thompson also came home with a ponytail, which grew to be 13 inches long before he had it cut off at the end of the summer of 2008. He donated it to the "Locks of Love" program,

which collects hair that is then made into wigs for cancer patients who lose their hair during chemotherapy treatments.

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#### FINDING TIME TO HELP

Thompson joined the national Harley Owners Group when he bought his first Harley and the local H.O.G. chapter a couple of years later. Even though he's often too busy to participate in H.O.G. events or other events at the nearby Mt. Cheaha Harley-Davidson/Buell, he

# GALLING ALL PUMPERS WHO RIDE

Tony Thompson, owner of East Alabama Portables, says when he talks with pumpers, portable restroom operators and suppliers at the Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo each year and they hear he rides a Harley, they often suggest an organized event for other riders in the industry. Thompson says he'd be happy to get the ball rolling and plan a ride somewhere in the Southeast if enough people would be interested. So tune up your bike and get in touch with him. You can reach him through his Web site, www.eastalabama portables.com, or by calling 256/236-6830. And, of course, send pictures of the first "Pumper Pride Ride" to editor@pumper.com.

has entered his Ultra Classic in the dealership's bike shows and he helps out wherever he can.

"I do a lot with the local dealership," he says. "I leave restrooms at the dealership for their events and either I don't charge them at all or I give them a discount."

Thompson's company manages about 2,000 portable restrooms, mostly from PolyPortables Inc., and employs 15 people. They have diversified the business with roll-off trash containers and provide both portable restrooms and trash containers for special events, constructionsites, parks and other public places across northern and central Alabama within a 100-mile radius of Anniston, which includes the Birmingham area. East Alabama Portables has a wide variety of vehicles in its fleet, including the newest — a 2007 International with a Progress Tank. The aluminum tank is positioned sideways with a flatbed behind it, which Thompson calls "fantastic for pickup and delivery at special events."

"When I first looked at it, it didn't seem big, but it fools you," he says. "It holds 810 gallons — 550 waste and the rest freshwater. It is equipped with a Masport HXL pump that can be used from both sides of the truck, which is convenient."

#### RIDE TO THE SHOW?

In addition to his motorcycles and his business, Thompson is also busy on the 195-acre farm that he and Selena share with 15 miniature Sicilian donkeys. The donkeys came with the property, Thompson says, and he's happy to let them wander around. He also took in a mini Brahman bull and has numerous wild turkeys on the property. This year he planted a vegetable garden and is considering adding goats to his menagerie.

The business, the animals and the garden keep Thompson occupied and he rarely has time to ride beyond his 12-mile

daily commute from farm to business. But someday, he says, he'd like to combine business with pleasure and ride his motorcycle to the Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo. That's a challenge, however, because while the climate in Alabama allows for nearly year-round riding, ice can become a problem when traveling north into Kentucky in the winter months.

"One of these years we'll hit it so the weather is really nice and I can ride to the Pumper Show," he says. "I've always wanted to ride to the show."

But it certainly isn't the only place Thompson dreams of riding.

"I want to go on a big ride like to bike week at Daytona or Myrtle Beach so bad I can't stand it. I would also love to do Sturgis too," he says of the huge Harley party, held each summer in North Dakota. "But if I do, I want to ride the whole way and that would take a least a week."

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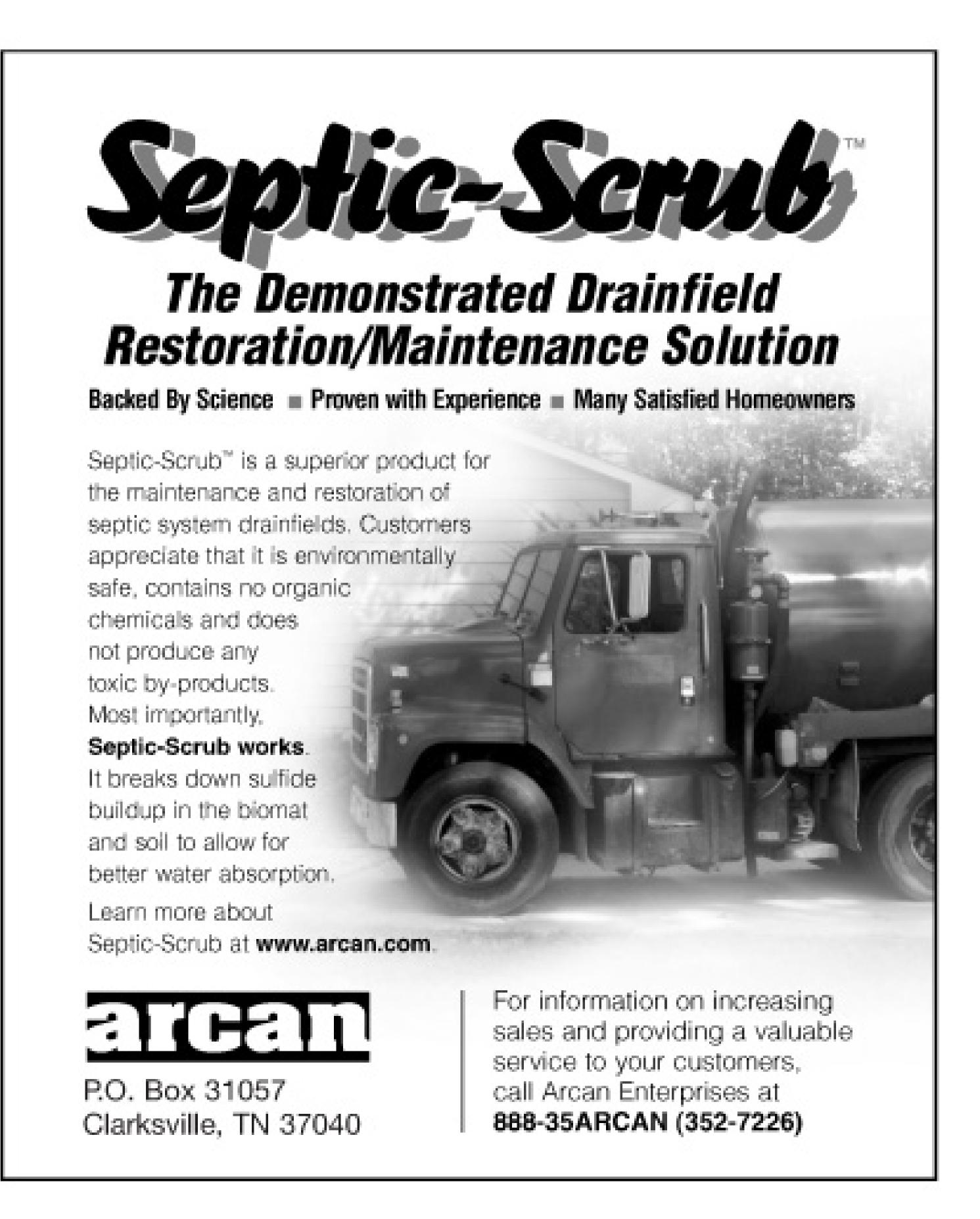
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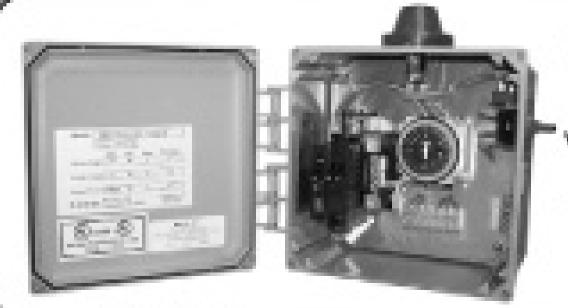






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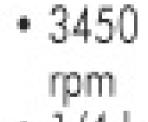
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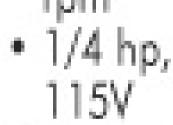
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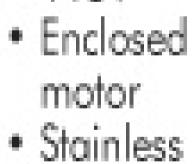
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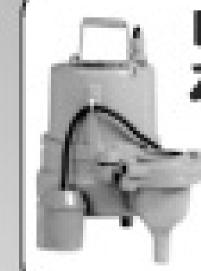
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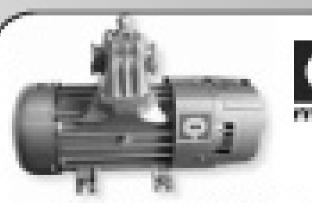
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## SCENT DETECTIVES COME TO THE RESCUE TO HELP A FELLOW PUMPER GET TO THE SOURCE OF AN ILL WIND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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# Overheard Online

# BAD ODOR IS COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE IN

#### Question:

A pumper I know has a problem with septic odors appearing inside houses. Lots of houses in a small area. Some of the houses are old, some new. The problem seems to happen in the spring and fall, on a warm day following a cold night. He says it happens in his own house, and the odor is so strong that it smells like his service truck is parked in his living room. My thought is that it's due to lower atmospheric pressure inside the house drawing odors into the house from outside. The problem goes away by noon every time. Any thoughts?

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If it's a new home, check to make sure the vents are clear on the roof. Ask the homeowner if the sinks/toilet drain slow; if they do, the vents may be clogged.

Have the homeowner perform a manometer test. This will test the traps and verify it can hold pressure. If it is inside the home, this is the most likely culprit. They will have to cap the vents and the main line to the septic tank.

There are a host of other issues that can contribute to this as well. In one case, a homeowner's vent was too short and when a building went up next to it, the wind swirled in a different manner and it took the vented gas right into the home. They extended the pipe and the problem was solved.

If there are lots of houses in a small area, it may be the neighbor.

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It is possible that the odors are originating from outside. It could be getting drawn into his heating system if the home has forced hot air heating. If the odor is originating from outside he should be able to smell it outside the home near where it is entering the house. Is the odor only in one room or on one level? Another possibility is either a

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restricted plumbing vent or a cracked vent pipe, but generally they will cause a problem year-round.

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I have seen this once before. We were able to determine that it was caused by unsupported horizontal vent piping in the attic, which created a trap and wouldn't let the gasses out to the vertical vent. The problem was worse in the morning because the building was shut tight all night allowing the fumes to accumulate. After a while with doors opening and closing, the odor would dissipate. Once we supported the vent so that it could not trap water, the odor problems went away.

This reminded me of something else. Everyday I see rooftop combo units with the condensate drain running directly into the plumbing vent. This is fine in the summer time (not really fine, but causes minimal problems), but when the trap dries out in the winter, you are actually sucking sewer gas in through the condensate drain.

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Is there a dry P-trap in the home? An unused basement shower is a common culprit. Or is the washing machine discharge drained through an un-trapped connection, also a common problem?

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The odor mystery is usually found to be inside the trap in the basement, and sometime when the water drains out it leaves a muck in there that really reeks.

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Thanks for all the great input. The odor problem affects many houses, all on the same days. There is nothing in particular that the houses/families have in common. My customer believes the problem to be caused by atmospheric conditions and the weather. The only apparent commonality is the odors occur on warm days following cold nights in spring and fall. I've always thought odors are plumbing problems, which you all have mostly concurred with. Trap issues, etc. I'm passing all your ideas along.



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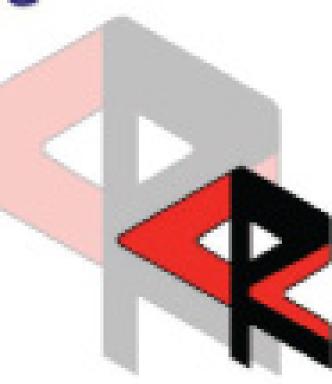
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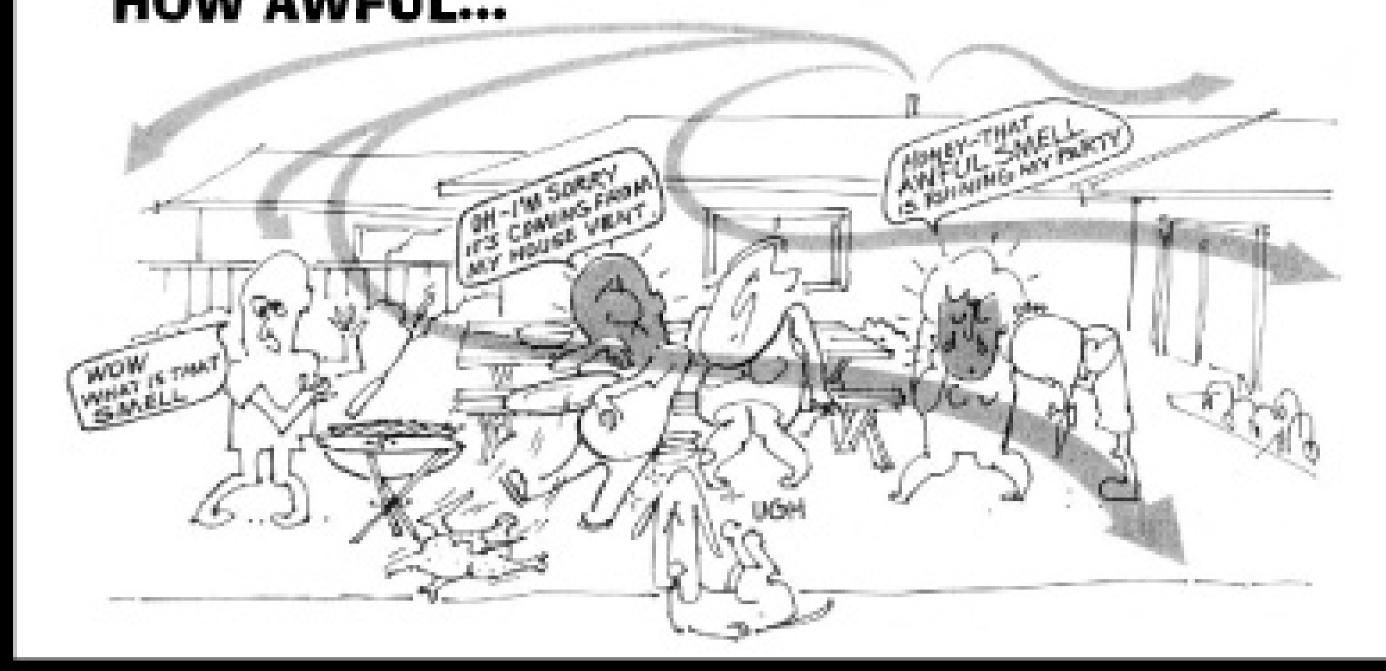
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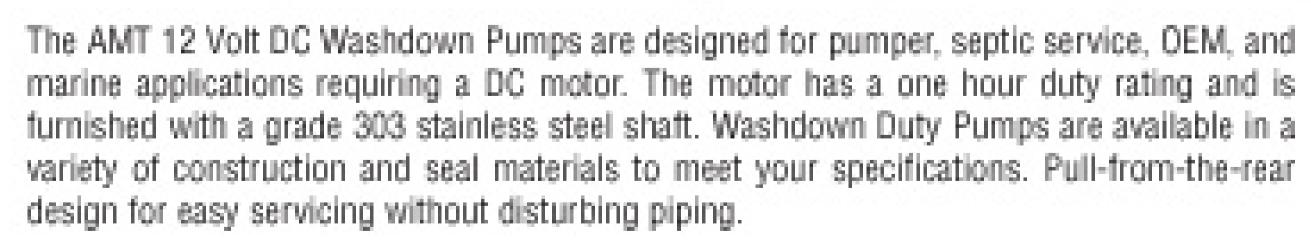
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# Pumping professionals are well-equipped to evaluate onsite systems. Is it time to consider adding point-of-sale checks to drive new revenue for your company?

s states amend septic codes, some are adding language requiring a certificate of onsite system evaluation before properties transfer. The response to inspectors who report systems as unsatisfactory ranges from cooperation to arbitration and occasional litigation.

Allstate Septic Systems LLP in Bangor, Pa., has performed buy-sell inspections since 1989, with real estate agents providing 25 percent of the business and homeowners the remainder. "We also do a lot of second opinions and support work for other inspectors," says Allied partner Bruce Fox. "Branching into this field has been great for us."

Fox, who teaches the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association standards for real estate inspections and the National Association of Wastewater Transporters Inc. vacuum truck technician course, has various ways to identify and avoid the pitfalls of buy-sell inspections.



#### By Scottie Dayton

#### Pumper: What is the history behind buy-sell inspections?

**Fox:** In the mid 1980s, banks were writing mortgages for newer, larger homes, inheriting their septic problems, and dealing with \$10,000 to \$15,000 repair bills. About nine years ago, informed buyers and Realtors became the driving factor. Today, Pennsylvania Realtors have a pre-disclosure sales contract containing a check box for a septic system inspection. Now the buyer knows that the property has an onsite system and that he has a right to an inspection.

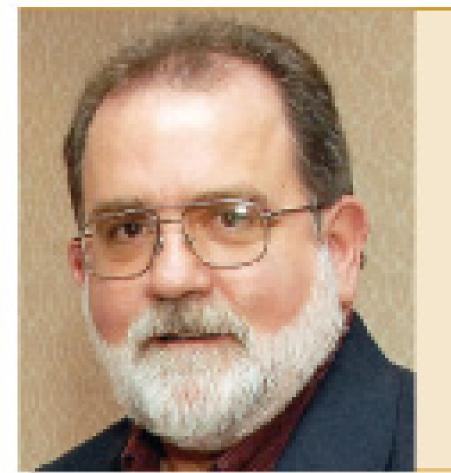
#### **Pumper:** What are the biggest dangers arising from onsite inspections?

**Fox:** One of the biggest is arriving without the seller knowing you are coming. PSMA and NAWT inspector courses teach authorization. The seller authorizes the inspector to come onto the property and identifies who pays for pumping the septic tank. The buyer authorizes who pays for the inspection. Authorization provides communication and removes any surprises.

Another danger is giving information during the inspection. If the homeowner is following you around, keep a tight lip or risk ruining a deal. My inspectors bring the information back to the office, review it, make a decision, and give the report to the payer — usually the buyer. That's very important.

There's always the danger of damaging a component while you're digging it up or pumping it. This doesn't occur often, but when it does, the seller will say that it is your fault. It then becomes a matter of arbitration. For example, if a cesspool caves in while I'm pumping it for the inspection, I would argue, and to some extent involve my attorney, that the cesspool was an accident waiting to happen, and it happened while I was there. The flip side is if you back your truck over a tank and crush it. Then yes, you have to repair it.

Driveway damage is another big issue. Pumpers deal with this daily, but it is part of the inspection. Inspectors need a release slip stating that



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they are not responsible for damage caused by driving on the seller's driveway.

#### **Pumper:** Must onsite inspectors be certified through the state, or health department, or some recognized agency?

**Fox:** Most states do not require certification, but there are some exceptions. Massachusetts requires real estate inspections, and Arizona and Texas require home inspectors to take onsite inspection training. Although some states are building buy-sell inspections into their amended septic codes, certification remains mostly voluntary.

The movement for certification is developing, but not widespread yet. Neither is class availability. PSMA trains in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. NAWT trains in Arizona, California, Texas, and anywhere it is asked to present the inspection course. The National Sanitation Foundation has an accreditation program, but that's it.

#### Pumper: Are pumpers doing the majority of onsite inspections?

**Fox:** In Pennsylvania, no. Home inspectors seem to receive most of the work. The problem has been pumpers not following inspection standards and exposing themselves to liability. Getting into trouble discouraged them from doing more inspections, especially if they were sued.

Ongoing training is another turnoff for many pumpers. PSMA and NAWT require continuing education every two years, and a standards refresher course every three years to keep up with rule changes. Certified inspectors are trained to locate every system component and rate its condition. They excavate and pump the septic tank. They locate the absorption area by probing, and identify its condition based on liquid levels.

#### Pumper: If an inspector fails a system, what risks could be face?

**Fox:** My company has been threatened because our report ruined the deal. That's why it's so important to follow a standard. Had we arbitrarily condemned the system, the seller and Realtor could have sued us for destroying the sale.

Pennsylvania had a case where the homeowner sued the inspector for failing a system. The inspector had followed PSMA standards, and documentation after the fact proved that his conclusion was correct. Although it destroyed the deal, he protected the buyer from stepping into a bad situation. In turn, the inspector was protected by adhering to PSMA standards. This is critical. Pumpers thinking about branching into buy-sell inspections should be certified through some nationally recognized inspection-training program. It's their safety net.

What happened when my company was sued remains a risk for pumpers. After pumping the tank, we wrote on our sales slip that it was in good condition. When the homeowners sold the property, they used our slip as proof of an onsite inspection. In the NAWT vac truck training, we teach pumpers to state on their slips that pump-outs are not an onsite inspection or warranty. Never make any comments on your sales slip because Realtors and homeowners will use them. Always write comments on a separate slip of paper.

**Pumper:** If an inspector is sued, what is the financial risk? **Fox:** Primarily the cost of replacing the system.

#### **Pumper:** Doesn't business insurance cover the financial risk?

Fox: Pumpers must discuss that with their insurance companies. Ours does. We showed our agent how we do inspections, how we gather information, and how we report it so he could determine our liability exposure. Having certified inspectors was a great plus in this discussion, and the agent approved our liability coverage.

#### **Pumper:** How often does buy-sell litigation reach the courtroom?

Fox: Not too often. In 20 years, I've been an expert witness in four cases. It's difficult to prove when a component failed if an onsite problem manifests itself six months after the sale. If it happens immediately, the probability is high that the situation will be resolved through arbitration. Usually, the seller knows the system has a problem, but didn't disclose it. When confronted, he pays for the repair.

One nationwide trend is elderly people selling their homes with old systems to young couples with children. In our inspection, we ask how many people live in the house now and how many are in the perspective buyer's family. If the difference is huge, we recommend a hydraulic load test to check that the system can handle higher loads.

#### Pumper: Should pumpers diversify into buy-sell inspections to increase business?

Fox: It's been great for us. If we report a system as unsatisfactory and show the seller the problem, most ask, "What do I do next?" Seventy-five percent of them hire us to fix it. That's good for business. People have accused me of simply wanting to sell systems, but once I show them what we found, they usually acknowledge the problem.

It's human nature to assume that the other guy wants to sell you his product. That's why it's vital for inspectors not to talk to sellers or try selling something while conducting inspections, or put sales pitches in their reports. However, the report should contain a recommendation to contact a reputable onsite repair company, and let the homeowner decide who to hire. This needs to be stressed if inspectors are to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest.

Another reason pumpers should consider this field is that home inspectors don't have the equipment to do a proper inspection. Pumpers own vacuum trucks, and our standards require a pump-out at the time of inspection. Pumpers who can't find the absorption area will send down a sonde. If a home inspector can't find the absorption area by probing, he'll call us to do the support work.

Many home inspectors can't get a septic company to the site on time. However, we've aligned ourselves with home inspectors. If they want us somewhere at three o'clock, we're there at three o'clock. That policy is great for repeat business. So even if pumpers don't want to be inspectors, those who position themselves as subcontractors with inspectors can increase their business.

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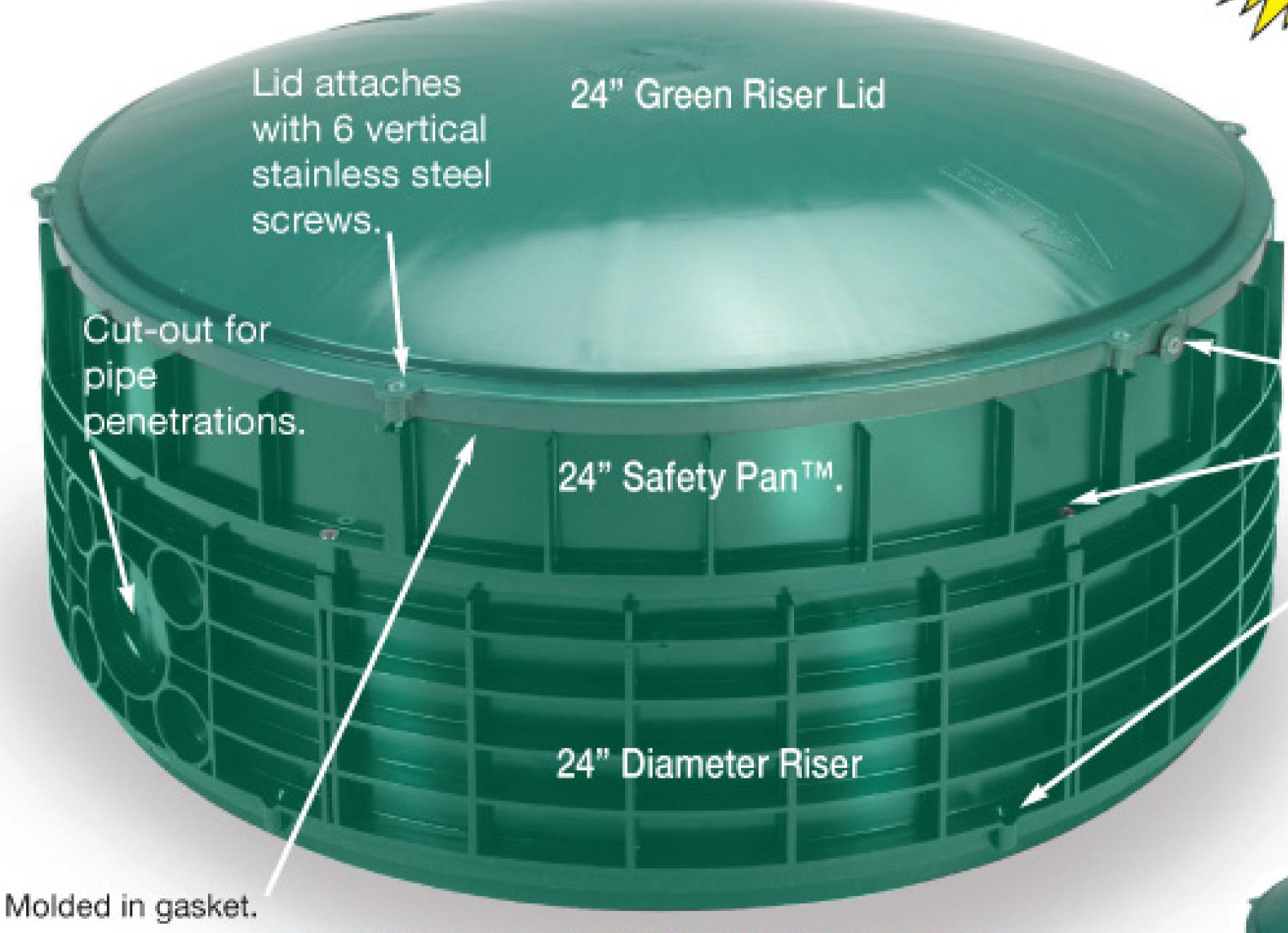
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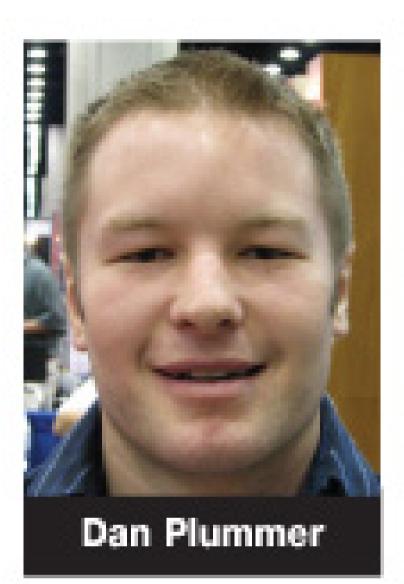
By Mary Shafer

K, admit it: One of the biggest reasons you got into septic pumping in the first place was that you like to drive big rigs and play with the really big toys, right? Good. Now that we have that out of the way, it explains half the thrill of making a deal on the show floor for a huge new industrial vacuum truck. Because you know you want one.

But hey, it's not just about loving the size and the power. These vehicles are serious profit machines in the right hands. Still, they're not a cheap date, and that kind of investment can be a big risk, unless you know how to leverage a jumbo piece of equipment to bring in added revenue.

The lure of bigger jobs, bigger paychecks and bigger rides never go away. That's why, for so many pumpers, industrial vacuum rigs are never far from their thoughts. But is this big-rig fixation shared by all?

Let's talk to a few pumpers about their own opinions:





Dan Plummer and Rick Plummer Company: Plummer's Septic Tank Inc. Location: Wyoming, Mich. Employees: 12 in pumping division Years in Business: 52

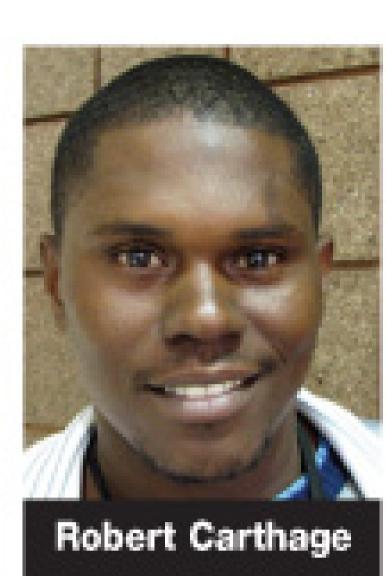
Plummer's Septic Tank Inc. has diversified quite a bit since its founding in 1957. It now serves the Grand Rapids area of east-central Michigan with septic pumping, portable restrooms, grease trap, sewer and drain cleaning, and roll-off container rentals. Technician Dan Plummer says the company's industrial vacuum truck has helped the business weather the recessionary climate by growing previously smaller parts of the company.

"It's opened the door, because we can now do bigger jobs," he says. The company performs hydroexcavating with its Wastequip/Cusco TurboVac truck. Plummer gives the example of a really stubborn septic tank or a grease trap from a big bakery. The crew will get the really hard stuff out with the industrial truck, then finish up with a vacuum truck.

"Also, when we clean our own holding tank — like the ones we dump our own septic into — when those fill up, we don't have to hire somebody else to come clean it out. We can do it ourselves. It saves us time and money because we're more self-sufficient now."

Dan's brother, Rick Plummer, adds that not only has the industrial rig allowed the company to land new customers, but also to pitch existing customers for additional work they weren't able to do before.

"We find it easier to keep our current customers more satisfied because we can now offer them a wider variety of services," he says. "It's always easier in a customer's mind if they only have to think of one name. We've learned to kind of duplicate Walmart by offering one-stop shopping. It makes it a lot easier and less stressful on the customer."





Name:
Robert Carthage and Ray Black
Company:
Rogers & Sons Inc.
Location:
Lithonia, Ga.
Employees: 3
Years in
Business: 41

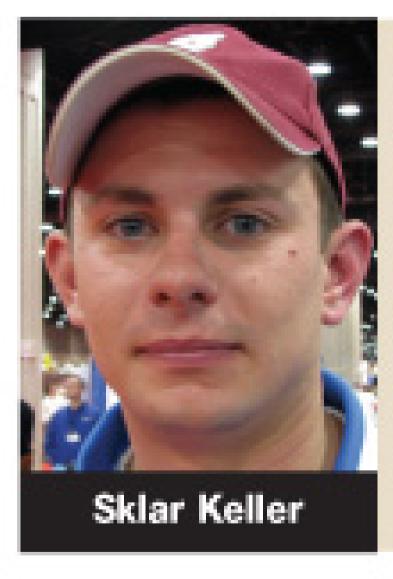
Rogers & Sons Inc. has been a player in this southeastern Atlanta suburb's septic pumping industry since 1968. And frankly, it just isn't pretty anymore, say driver/technicians Robert Carthage and Ray Black. The market's crowded and with city sewer being extended to more and more homes and businesses, septic just isn't where it's at for the company.

Management could see the trend 15 years ago, so in 1995, the company bought its first Vac-Con rig. Rogers & Sons went after the first of its high-pressure jetting and sewer vacuuming contracts. "There was a downturn in septic pumping," Black explains. "We're trying to get out of that now."

So the company diversified into drain-cleaning and industrial jetting with that first big rig. Ten years later, the company bought another one, this time configured for the dry side of industrial loading and hydroexcavation work.

"It's something new," says Carthage. "We're trying to keep up with what's happening in our market."

"Absolutely," Black chimes in. "It's the only thing we're using right now. It's bigger, with more pull power and more capacity. We're servicing mostly county and municipal sewers with it, and some lift stations."



Name:
Sklar Keller
Company:
Hacker Plumbing &
Drilling Inc.
Location:
Vincennes, Ind.
Employees: 12
Years in
Business: 50

Drilling Inc. offers septic pumping, installation and cleaning of lateral drain lines to residential customers about 150 miles east of St. Louis. Driver Sklar Keller says his company hasn't considered purchasing an industrial vacuum

truck and probably won't be doing so any time soon.

"The city has one, and doing residential work, we don't have the need to buy one. The work we do for the city — mainly repairs — only takes our pumper truck," he says.

He allows that there's the possibility the company may refocus at some time in the future in a way that might make a big vacuum rig attractive, but he doesn't see that happening in the current economy.



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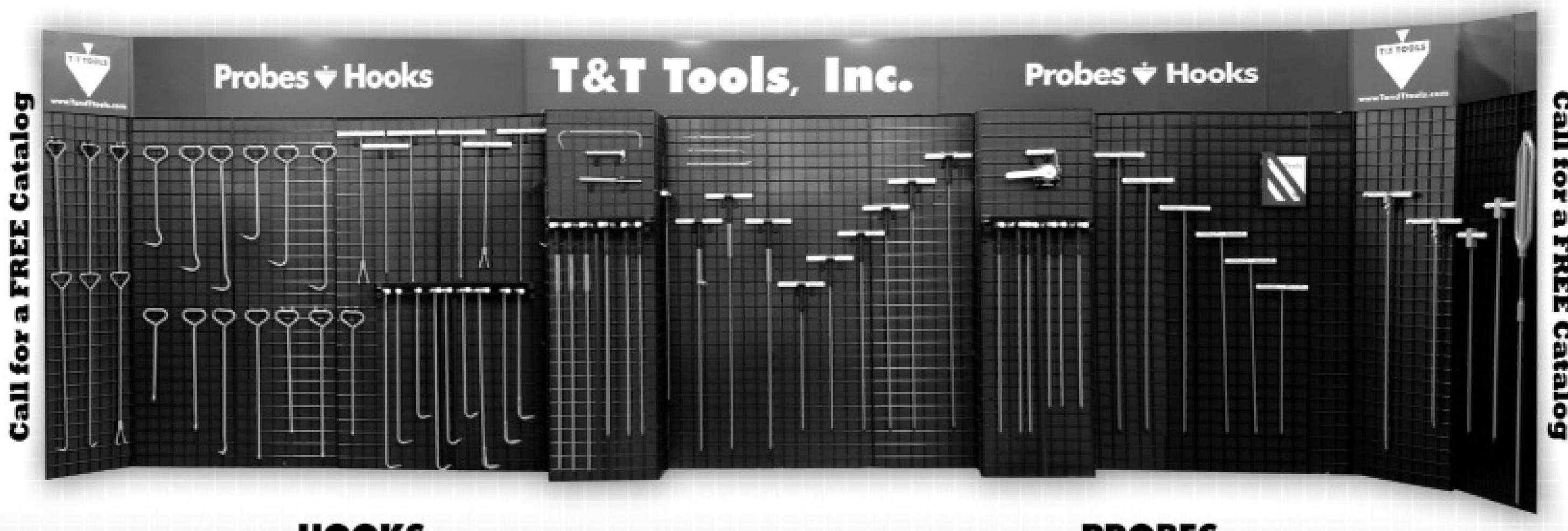
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## 'Clean Sand' Explained

Using unwashed sand will reduce the design capacity of an onsite system, which may lead to early failure

By Roger E. Machmeier

mention using clean sand in a lot of your columns. What do you mean when you say "clean sand?" I thought sand was sand. And why is clean sand so important?

Your question is timely, because a series of mound systems have been reported failing in our area recently. Mound systems have had an excellent performance record in my home state, Minnesota, as well as many other states. So it was unusual that a series of mounds should start failing. The interesting fact was all these failing mounds had been installed by the same contractor under a local grant program for a small city without municipal sewer.

With the extensive number of failures, an investigation had to be conducted. The conclusion was that sand placed under the rock layer of the mounds did not meet required specifications. The sand was not "clean sand" as had been specified. Apparently the contractor did not know about clean sand and apparently the inspector did not adequately inspect the construction materials for the mounds.

What is clean sand and why is it so necessary in the construction and successful operation of a mound sewage treatment system?

#### DEFINITION IMPORTANT

First of all, clean sand, as described by soil scientists through a sieve analysis, is a soil texture composed by weight of at least 25 percent very coarse, coarse and medium sand varying in size from 2.0 to 0.25 mm (millimeters), less than 50 percent of fine or very fine sand ranging in size between 0.25 and 0.05 mm, and no more than 10 percent of particles smaller than 0.05 mm. This is technical, but is the definition soil scientists use to describe clean sand.

A sieve analysis is not really needed on the job, as the fruit jar test is a simple way for both the installer and the inspector to test the quality of the sand. Clean sand can easily be determined by placing exactly 2 inches of the sand in the bottom of a quart fruit jar. Then fill the jar three-fourths full of water. Place the cover on the jar and shake the contents vigorously.

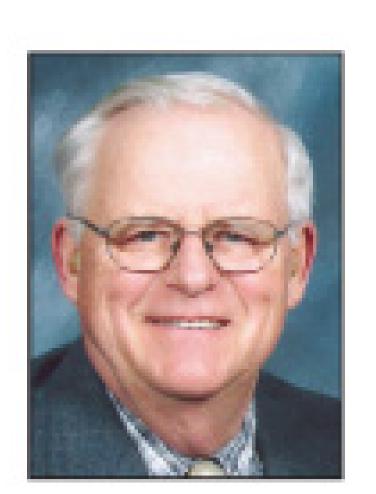
Allow the jar to stand for about an hour and observe if there is a layer of silt or clay on top of the sand. If the layer of these fine particles is more than 1/8 inch thick, the sand is not suitable for use in mound construction.

What is the reason for this? Sand having too many fine particles will be compacted during mound construction. This slightly compacted sand will not have the open pores necessary for the successful operation of the mound.

Also, the long term accept-

Clean sand is an essential material required in the construction of a sewage treatment mound ... Some sand pits naturally contain sand that is clean and suitable for use in mound construction. Other sand pits need to have the sand washed to be suitable.

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ance rate, or LTAR, of the unclean sand will be less than that of clean sand. The acceptance rate of clean sand is the value used to size the rock layer area of the mound.

#### SOIL SIZING FORMULA

The size of the rock layer of the mound is based on 0.83 square feet per gallon of effluent per day, which is 1.2 gallons per day per square foot of sewage tank effluent. But this is a valid number if, and only if, clean sand is used. This is also the soil sizing factor for soil having a percolation rate in the range of 0.1 to 5 minutes per inch.

Using unclean sand results in a mound with an actual capacity that is less than designed. The LTAR will be less than 1.2 gallons per day per square foot. Sewage effluent will begin to surface along the side slopes of the improperly constructed mound. And this is apparently what happened in the example I mentioned above.

Another example of improper mound construction occurred in another state. The officials who developed the code for mound construction in that state did not understand the function of the clean sand layer in a sewage treatment mound. They apparently had the opinion the sand layer under the rock layer would not provide adequate treatment, so they specified a layer of loam soil for "better" treatment.

The soil sizing factor for clean sand was used and when the effluent was discharged onto the loam soil under the rock layer of the mound, the biomat quickly formed and the mounds failed hydraulically.

Sewage tank effluent is applied as a dose with pressure distribution to the rock layer of the mound. The

effluent percolates through the rock to the sand layer. As the liquid percolates downward, air is drawn into the sand layer. If the application rate remains less than 1.2 gallons per day per square foot, conditions in the sand layer alternate between anaerobic and aerobic.

The result of these alternating conditions causes a reduction of the nitrates in the percolating liquid. Research has shown nitrate reductions of up to 44 percent.

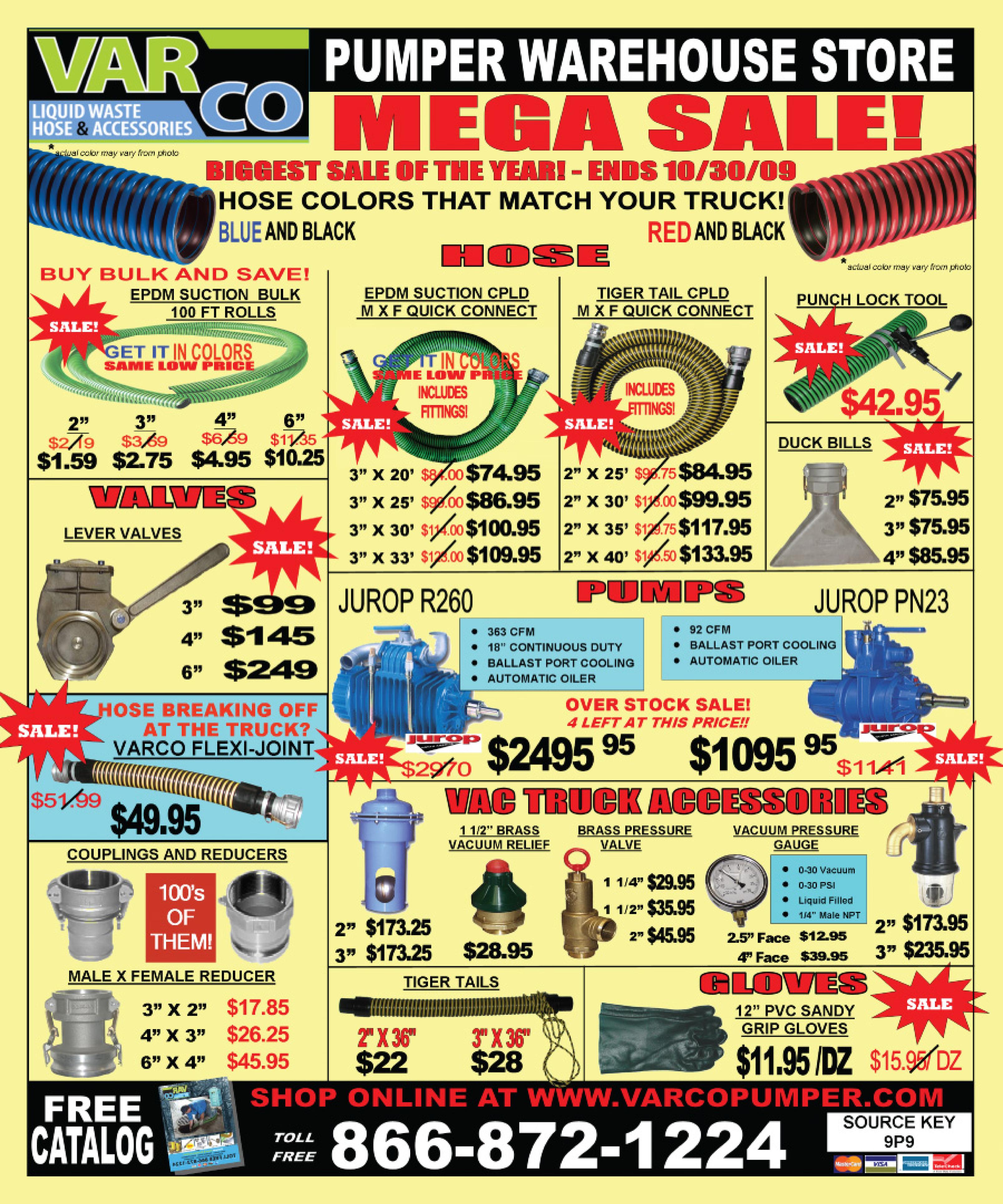
Sand can be useful in another application for onsite sewage treatment systems. Soils having a high clay content easily compact or the texture breaks down under wet conditions.

A trench constructed in a clay loam soil should have a 4-6 inch layer of clean sand placed on the bottom of the trench. The purpose of the sand layer is to protect the compaction of the clay loam soil from the rock placed in the trench.

#### PREVENTS COMPACTION

The soil may be relatively dry when the trench is constructed. When effluent enters the trench and percolates downward to the soil in the trench bottom, the weight of the trench rock will tend to compact the soil. A layer of clean sand between the soil and the trench rock will prevent this compaction. The same procedure should be used for a seepage bed installed in clay loam soil.

Clean sand is an essential material required in the construction of a sewage treatment mound. Sand can also be used in other soil absorption systems to make them more effective. Some sand pits naturally contain sand that is clean and suitable for use in mound construction. Other sand pits need to have the sand washed to be suitable.





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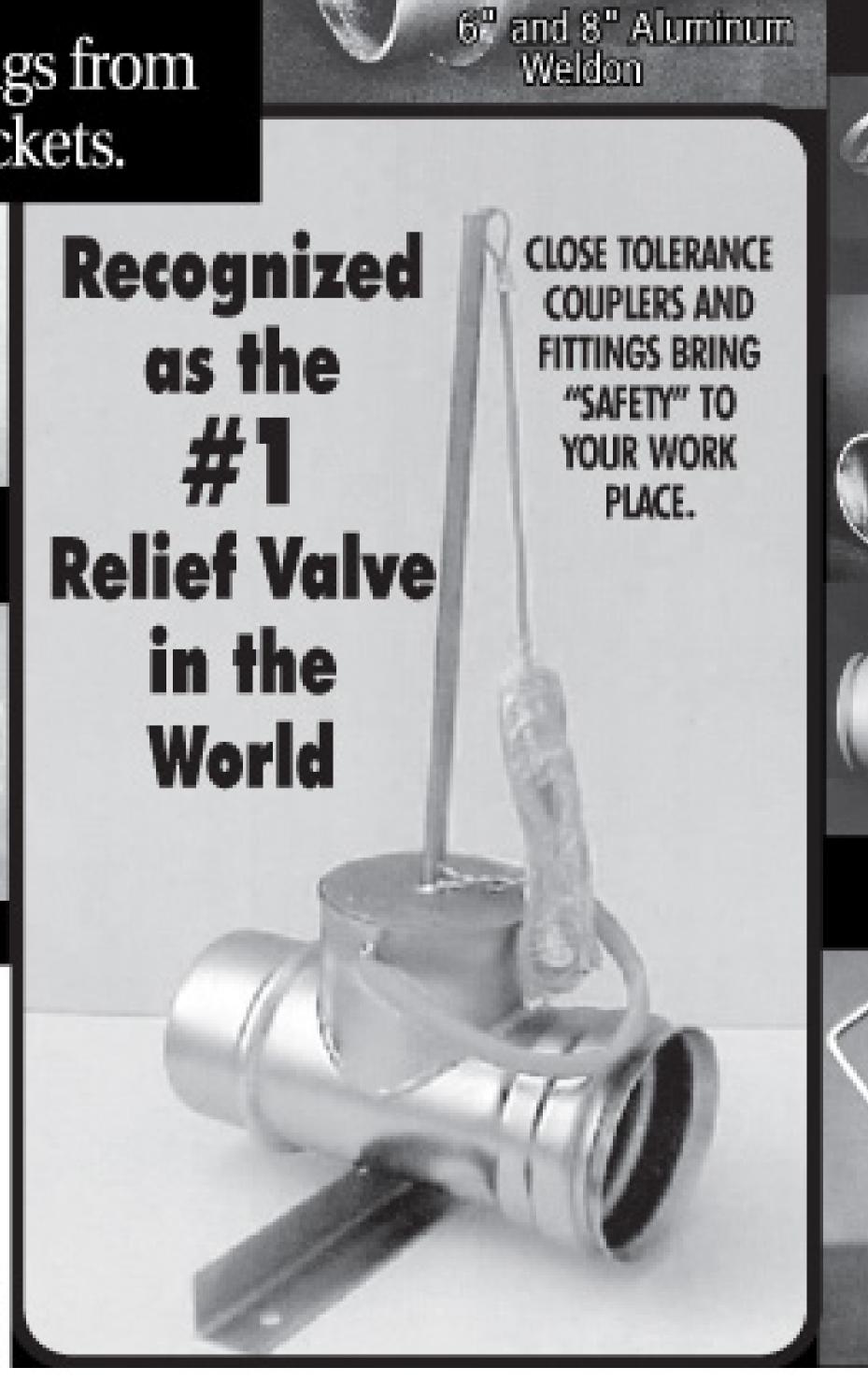
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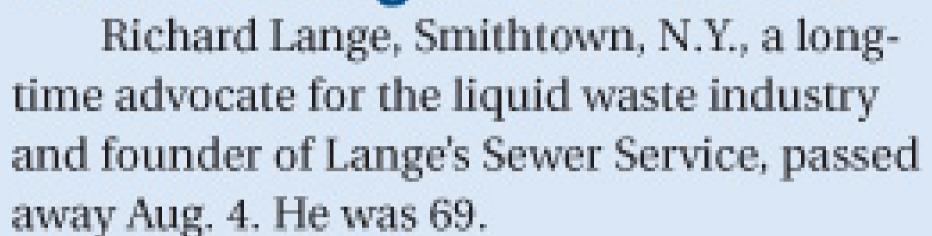
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#### Founding NAWT Member Richard Lange Remembered





Lange is remembered as a founding member of the National Association of Wastewater Transporters Inc., who tirelessly donated his time to help start the trade association, then fought to build the reputation of the industry. He started Lange's Sewer Service in 1975.

Ralph Macchio, who subcontracted for Lange's services and worked with him on the startup of NAWT, remembered Lange as a true professional and someone who was outgoing in promoting the industry.

"He was excellent in commercial (sewer cleaning), and the type of guy who was persistent," said Macchio. "No matter how difficult the job was, his pride wouldn't let him not do the job. He was an exceptional guy and a precise individual."

Macchio said Lange made countless calls to pumpers across the country when NAWT was formed, and especially brought many New York pumping companies into the association. Lange was the New York representative to NAWT, and was also active in the Long Island Liquid Waste Association Inc.

Lange left his mark on the industry in many ways, according to Macchio, but it was a protest to U.S. Environmental Protection Association interest in regulating the industry that Macchio remembers most. At a Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo several years ago, Lange dressed in a Grim Reaper costume at an EPA presentation.

"He wasn't bashful about getting his point across in any manner and on any issue," Macchio said of his close friend. "I know he did make an impact; those that attended that Expo often talk about that situation." While it wasn't the way Macchio would approach the EPA, he said Lange grabbed the attention of regulators and helped get across the point that private pumping companies held a stake in the future of the industry.

Lange is survived by his wife, Frances, seven children, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. ■



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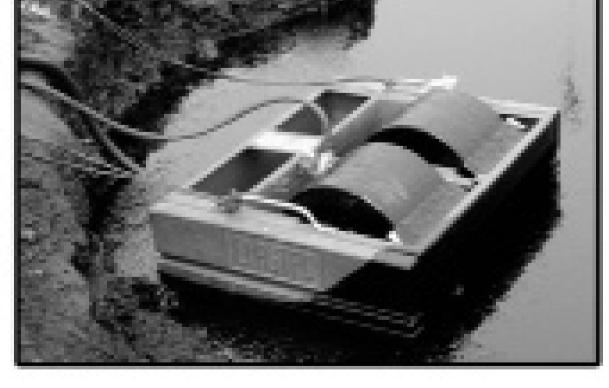
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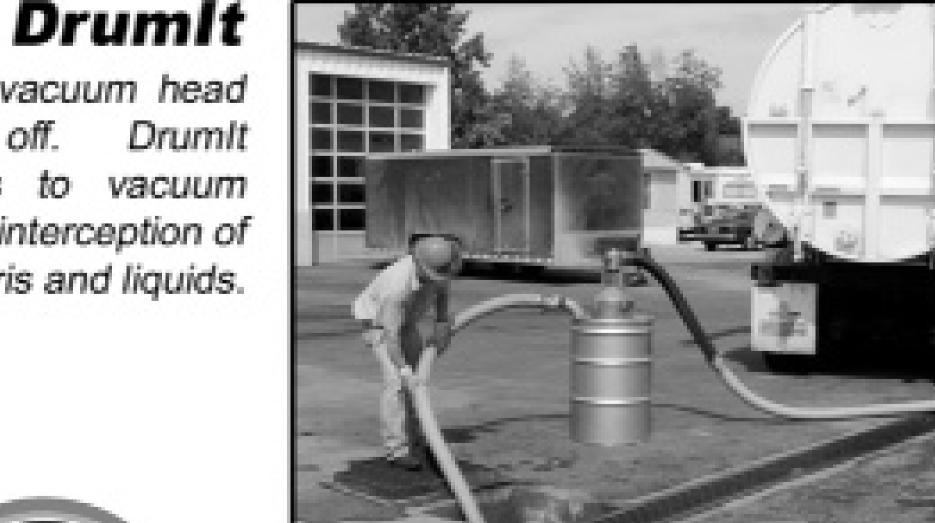
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#### FRIDAY (CLASSROOM ALL DAY)

#### All You Need to Know About Treating Septage and Grease Trap Waste

Tom Frank of Tim Frank Septic Tank Cleaning Co., Huntsburg, Ohio, and NAWT president, will welcome attendees and introduce the agenda

#### Analyzing Your Resources: How to Work with What You Have

Dave Gustafson, P.E., extension engineer at the University of Minnesota and Onsite Sewage Treatment Program trainer

Heading the list of scenarios is how pumpers will treat the septage, then handle the water and sludge from the process. How the waste streams are handled determines the treatment process. Options include thickening septage for land application, discharging water into sewer lines or hauling it to receiving facilities, spray irrigation, or running it through drainfields. The same choices apply to handling sludge. Rural plants can landapply, while urban locations rely on landfills and beneficial reuse options.

Regulations and permitting are more resources, ranging from dealing with the state to working with counties or even treatment plants. Attendees will receive tips on how to cope with all prime regulators. They also will learn what to look for when choosing their design consultant and engineer.

#### UNIT PROCESSES

The moderator is Therese Wheaton, owner of Crystal Environmental in Springboro, Pa. Presenters will have 15 minutes to explain the equipment.

#### Screening and Grit Removal

Representative Doug McCord, EnQuip Co., Exton, Pa.

Pumpers are not in the habit of screening septage, and maybe this step is unnecessary if disposing of sludge at landfills. However, removing the sticks, stones, organic matter, and plastic products before land-applying sludge is a sound idea. From a management standpoint, screening septage as it enters the plant prevents grit from accumulating in the tanks and clogging pumps. Plants processing 10,000 gpd may be able to shovel out the grit twice a year, but those processing 50,000 to 100,000 gpd want to remove the grit mechanically before it shuts down the system every two weeks.

#### Equalization and Storage

Therese Wheaton, owner, Crystal Environmental, Springboro, Pa.

Every load of septage is different. To homogenize the loads, plants mix them in tanks, ensuring that each batch is almost identical. Tanks also attenuate the flow, from 200 gpm as septage leaves the truck to 30 or 50 gpm as it enters the dewatering equipment. They enable operators to run the dewatering equipment at the most economical and convenient time.

#### Polymers: Chemical Magic

Representatives Jim Millard, Aqua Ben Corp., Oswego, III., and Kathy Mabry, Fort Bend Services Inc., Stafford, Texas

Every dewatering process requires polymers, the chemicals that make water want to separate from septage. Attendees will learn about the various chemistries and how they differ from each other.

#### DEWATERING OPTIONS

Once the waste streams are chemically conditioned, machines separate the liquids from the solids. The following representatives will discuss the most common technologies:

#### Screw Press

Wes Bond, FKC Co. Screw Press, Port Angeles, Wash.

#### Rotary Press

Peter Gagne, international sales coordinator, Fournier Industries Inc., Thetford Mines, Quebec

#### Belt Press

Dave Deaton, owner, MSD Environmental Services, Centerville, Ohio

#### Container Filter

Therese Wheaton, owner, Crystal Environmental, Springboro, Pa.

#### PERIPHERAL COMPONENTS

#### Pumps

Jeff Seaton, Boerger Pumps LLC, Minneapolis, Minn.

Pumps make the dewatering process possible by moving materials from one place to another. Attendees will learn which pumps work best in what application.

#### Regulations: EPA 503 and Class A Biosolids

Robert Rubin, Ph.D., professor emeritus at North Carolina State University and consultant for McKim & Creed, P.A., Raleigh, N.C.

Participants will learn the ins and outs of EPA 503 sludge regulations and Class A biosolids options. The EPA 503 regulations cover the land application of the end product when plants mix septage, grease trap waste, sludge from municipal treatment facilities, portable toilets, and other waste streams together. Biosolids, however, are moving from Class B (lime stabilized) to Class A because of its options. The most appealing is that Class A biosolids are unregulated in many states. They can be sold after heat drying or composting, cost less to dispose of, and are more acceptable to the public.

#### Odor Control

Martin Crawford, president, Bay Products Inc., Stateline, Nev.

Plant operating permits require controlling odors. One way is through site location,

but for most plants, the nearest house is 150 feet away instead of one mile. Mechanical odor control options include containing plant operation indoors or covering the outdoor tanks. In both cases, air drawn off the tanks runs through filters before returning to the atmosphere. Biofilters are a popular choice because they are effective, low cost, and low maintenance.

#### Miscellaneous

Kevin Taylor, product manager, USA BlueBook, Gurnee, III. USA BlueBook is a resource for wastewater equipment and supplies.

#### BUSINESS PLANS: HOW TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO THE BANK

Tim Pratt, Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Tempe, Ariz.

Pratt will outline strategies to convince loan officers that building a privately owned wastewater treatment plant is a sound investment. Attendees will leave with the information and confidence to create a business plan that makes sense to banking entities.

#### CASE HISTORY

Luke Deshotels, owner, Big Mamou Bio-Solids Inc., Mamou, La.

Deshotels uses plate frame filter technology to process 20,000 gpd of septage, grease trap, and portable restroom wastes.

#### Networking time with hors d'oeurves and cash bar

An opportunity for attendees to talk with presenters, engineers, and vendors.

#### SATURDAY (MORNING CLASSROOM)

#### Trap Grease: Transforming a Liability to an Asset

Emily Landsburg, CEO, BlackGold Biofuels, Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia Fry-o-Diesel technology converts sewer grease into biodiesel, a lowcarbon diesel fuel substitute that burns in most diesel engines, boilers, and burners without any engine modification. Landsburg will focus on the challenges of processing trap and other brown greases into an ASTM-D6751 fuel, highlight the company's operations and lay out specific steps to implementing a successful project.

#### Evolution of Transported Liquid Waste to Beneficial Use with Pre-Treatment Processes; Solving Regional Needs of Haulers and Wastewater Treatment Plants Therese Wheaton, owner, Crystal Environmental, Springboro, Pa.

Septic tank and grease trap waste haulers can no longer depend on the government for all their disposal needs. The volumes are simply too great. Consequently, haulers are building privately owned wastewater treatment facilities. They treat greater volumes of waste with a smaller impact on municipal plants.

#### Orange County (Fla.) Grease Management and Industrial User Discharge Permits Susanna Littell, Orange County Utilities Services Coordinator, Orlando, Fla.

Orange County implemented an aggressive grease trap management program because the area has disposal options. One is Select Processing of Orlando. It dewaters wastes, discharging the liquid to the municipal sewer. Littell will present the relationship between Select Processing and the Orange County Pretreatment program.

#### Case History of Select Processing of Orlando

Steven Macchio, owner, ClearFlo Technologies Inc., N. Lindenhurst, N.Y.

Macchio will talk about the benefits and challenges of operating a wastewater treatment business. He owns three plants. The Orlando facility, an industrial user, is permitted to process 188,000 gpd of septage, grease trap and portable restroom wastes, and sewage sludge. It handles 30,000 to 40,000 gallons of grease trap waste daily. Class B biosolids, previously land-applied, are now trucked to a landfill.

#### Q&A session and lunch (included)

#### FIELD TRIP (AFTERNOON)

Attendees will be bused to Select Processing of Orlando for a tour. Using septage and grease trap waste, vendors will demonstrate operating, screening, and dewatering equipment, polymer applications, and other peripheral devices.







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### Money Manager

## Mastering Cash Flow

## Follow these tips to make sure your income stays ahead of your expenses

#### By Ty Freyvogel

our success as a business owner comes down to whether or not you can pay your bills and still turn a profit. Seems obvious, right? But achieving a healthy balance between monetary intake and output is an art that confounds many entrepreneurs. I am not exaggerating when I say that your ability to manage cash flow will either make you or break you.

I have seen otherwise-successful business owners crumble under the stress of poorly managed cash flow. Likewise, I have watched colleagues flourish under a well-structured, well-maintained accounting system. Fortunately, it's quite possible to stay on top of the money coming into and going out of your company. Read on for some insights that have led to my own businesses' successful cash flow:

### Assume that your estimates are wrong — and save for a rainy day.

No matter how carefully you plan for all potential cash-related scenarios, you will not be able to accurately predict the "weather" of your operating environment. At any moment, a storm front could appear out of the blue. Don't get me wrong; it's a good idea to make rough estimates for your cash flow. Just be sure to give yourself a healthy margin for error and expect the unexpected. Keep a nice cushion of "extra" money in your account for surprise bills. I know entrepreneurship is based on taking risks, but where cash flow is concerned, err on the side of conservatism. Remember that cash is king. No matter how much we dislike it, cash flow determines what we are able to do with our business.

#### Don't underestimate the value of a good customer.

You have the choice to run your business as you see fit. But no matter how successful and powerful you become, remember that your customers are the reason you exist. So be good to them. Some of my oldest customers are still my best customers. One company can spend millions on your services over the years. If you're a consumer company, even one person can be worth thousands of dollars over the span of your business relationship. For this reason, you must not let success change your mission to give every client and customer the royal treatment. They are, after all, responsible for the incoming cash you will use to pay rent, taxes and other fees.

#### Keep tabs on your expenses.

Don't rely on your memory alone to know when to pay your bills, order new supplies or bill your clients. Even if you run a very small business, you will never be able to pay everything on time if you don't have a system in place to help you keep track of it all. For this reason, it is imperative to appoint some method to help you keep your bills and their due dates separate. Your system can be as simple as keeping a notebook documenting when to write checks and when to deposit them. Or you can utilize a computerized system like QuickBooks to help you keep track of everything. Being well organized will ensure that

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your supplies are always in stock, your power never goes out and your employees get paid.

#### Be firm but kind with clients.

It is important to run your business in a manner that tolerates a certain amount of leniency with clients, but don't let them walk all over you either! If you establish yourself as a complete pushover, even clients with the best intentions will take advantage of you. It is also important not to run your company with an iron fist. You want to find a happy medium that will keep you in business and keep your clients happy. That being said, don't be afraid to politely call a customer who hasn't paid a bill and remind him or her that it is overdue. They understand that you have provided a service and it requires a payment. You can preserve your client relationship and get your money by treating the client with integrity.

#### Break even.

You have to at least break even each month to survive. If you are facing hard times, your biggest goal will be to just break even — and then get back on track. For obvious reasons, you want your incoming cash to be significantly higher than your outgoing. So engrave your break-even number in your mind or sticky-note it to the front of your computer, and see that you surpass that number each month. Simple. Here's a quick tip: If you are having problems breaking even one month, tell your vendors, don't keep them in the dark. No one likes surprises, especially your bank.

#### Be honest with the man.

Do not, I repeat, do not try to cheat the government. Some very clever people have filtered out money from their business that they were able to keep out of the government's grasp ... for a while. You may get away with hiding money, under-reporting income, fudging your write-offs and other methods of cheating, but you probably will not. Uncle Sam has gone to great lengths to set up systems that keep this from happening easily.

#### Why taxes are good. (Really!)

Many businesses try to have a very small profit at the end of the year so they don't have to pay huge amounts in taxes on it. This can negatively affect cash flow if you keep your business account so low that you don't have enough of a pad to pay an unexpected bill. Rather than taking tax avoidance to extremes, get out there and try to make more money. If you think about taxes in the right way, you won't view them as such a bad thing. You may as well assume paying more taxes means that you are doing very well.

#### Keep away from credit cards if possible.

Credit cards are necessary, but that doesn't mean you should run up a mountain of debt. Businesses shut down because of factors like credit card debt, so swipe with caution if you have to swipe at all. Don't max them out, by any means. If you find that you have to max out a credit card your business may already be in trouble and it is time to seek alternate funding.

#### A FINAL WORD

Don't worry if managing your cash flow seems very difficult and even overwhelming at first. Cash flow is very complicated and can take some getting used to. After a few months, you will embrace your monthly monetary obligations and may even find a sense of comfort in the ebb and flow of money. Like the tides and the seasons, cash flow has a natural "rhythm" that keeps you grounded and helps you make sense of your place in the business world.

Before you know it, you will use cash flow as a gauge of your ability to take risks — and that knowledge will help you make the kinds of smart decisions that help your company grow and flourish. Remember, when your outgoing exceeds your incoming, your upkeep is your downfall.









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Jody notes that joystick-style controllers have become popular on a variety of equipment, including construction machinery. The Omnibus control handle is mounted to the top of the truck's hose reel panel. The monitor screen beneath the handle replaces the instrument panel found on conventional trucks.

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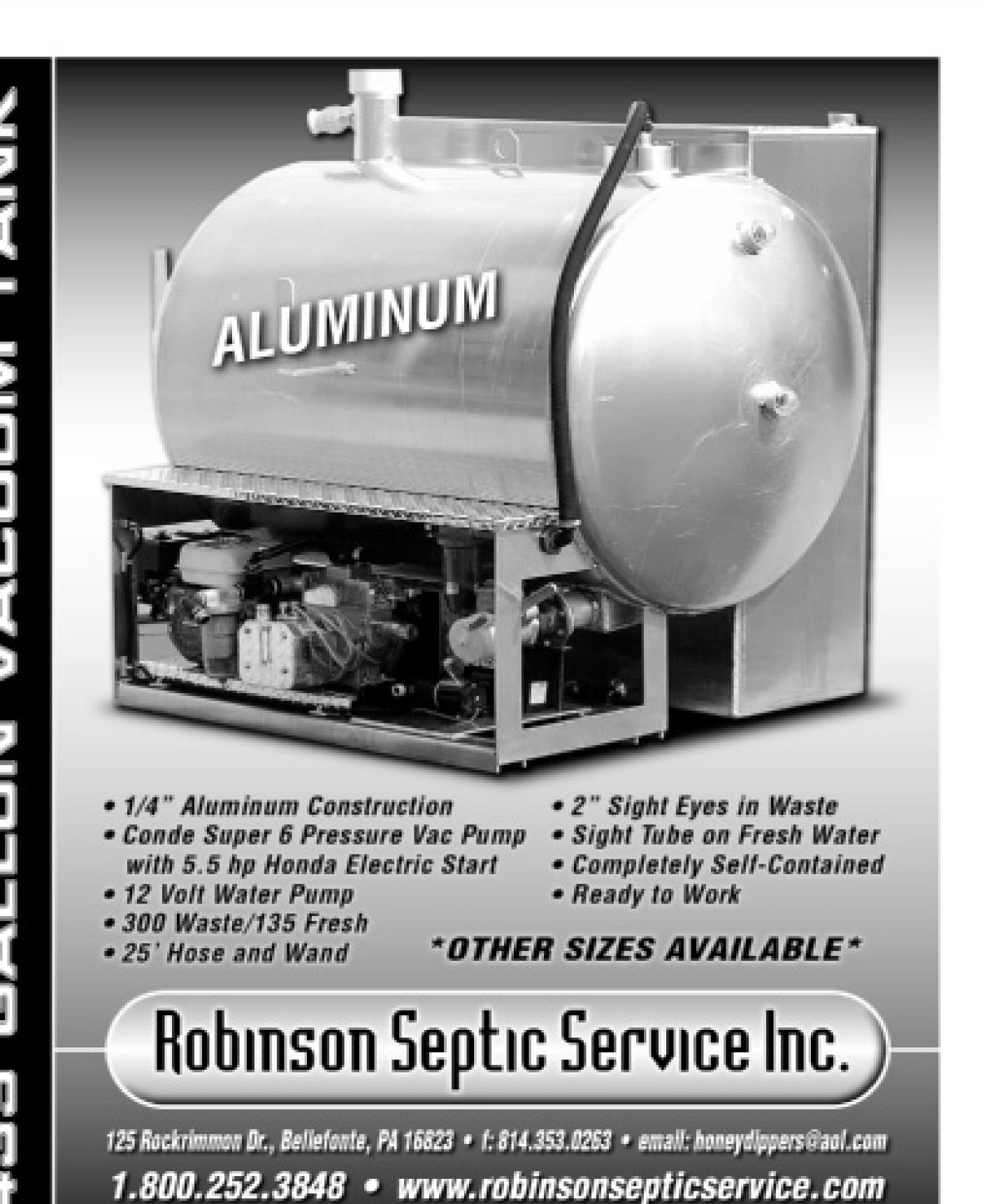
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## Association News

By Scottie Dayton

#### FLORIDA: Taking Action

The Florida Onsite Wastewater Association assembled a task force to write a bill for next year's legislative session. It will offer alternative solutions to a springs protection bill that proposes every residence in a watershed be connected to a sewer and banning all onsite systems. FOWA's bill will also address a proposal in the springs protection bill to transfer the onsite program from the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Nancy Deal, a member of the Consortium of Institutes for Decentralized Wastewater Treatment, attended the FOWA Master Maintenance Day to photograph activities related to installing septic tanks. She will add the images to the National Installer Training Curriculum under development by the consortium.

Stephan "Alex" Clary, the eighth-grader whose Wonder Worms project won first place at the Southwest Florida Regional Science Fair, went on to win first place in the Junior Division at the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair. His efforts earned more than \$20,000 in college scholarships and prizes.

Wonder Worms hypothesized that the digestive tract of earthworms could destroy E. coli and fecal coliform bacteria found in onsite wastewater systems.

#### IOWA: lowa Professionals

Another 35 Iowa installers earned the Certified Installer of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems credential of the National Environmental Health Association, bringing the total to





Heather Adolfs

Blake Rasing

114 in the state. Those passing the exam are offered the opportunity to become Iowa Onsite Waste Water Association certified installers. Four of the five counties requiring contractors to be certified require IOWWA certification.

Blake Rasing and Heather Adolfs received \$500 scholarships from IOWWA. Rasing, the son of Shari and Kenneth Rasing, finished his freshman year as a business major at the University of Iowa. Adolfs, the daughter of Ramona and Richard Adolfs, will study animal science and pre-veterinary medicine at Iowa State University.

#### NORTH CAROLINA: Community Service

The North Carolina Septic Tank Association used fees charged for continuing education credits to fund and install an onsite system for a Habitat for Humanity home in Stokes County. Participants earned CEUs while providing a community service. The association awarded \$17,000 in scholarships this year.

#### NATION: Alternative Solution

Opponents who argue that people are unable to afford regular onsite inspections, maintenance, and replacement of failing systems

should evaluate a project in Petropolis, Brazil. O Instituto Ambiental designed and installed 80 biodigesters, one per four homes, to help the poor deal with sanitation problems.

Biodigesters — proprietary organic enzymes and bacteria — break down wastewater and turn it into burnable gas. The owners use the mud left over from the treatment process to fertilize crops, and return the treated effluent to the river. According to the Brazilian group, units cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 to set up. Visit www.oia.org.br.

## Training & Education

## National Association of Wastewater Transporters Inc.

NAWT has these sessions:

- Oct. 9-10 Waste Treatment Symposium, Orlando, Fla.
- Oct. 15-16 Inspector Training, San Luis Obispo, Calif.
- Nov. 5-6 Operation and Maintenance, San Luis Obispo, Calif.
- Dec. 3-4 Installer Training, Sacramento, Calif.
- Dec. 10-11 Operation and Maintenance, Mill Valley, Calif.

Call NAWT at 800/236-6298 or visit www.nawt.org.

#### **Alabama**

Licensing classes are the joint effort of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association and University of West Alabama. Courses are at UWA Livingston campus unless stated otherwise:

- Oct. 1-2 Continuing Education, Montgomery
- Oct. 15-16 Pumper
- Oct. 29-30 Continuing Education, Mobile
- · Nov. 11-13 Basic Installer
- Dec. 3-4 Continuing Education
- Dec. 9-11 Advanced Level II Installers

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#### California

The training schedule for the California Onsite Wastewater Association is:

- Oct. 15-16 Inspector Training, San Luis Obispo
- Nov. 5-6 CIDWT Operation and Maintenance, San Luis Obispo
- Dec. 3-4 Installer Training, Sacramento, Calif.
- Dec. 10-11 CIDWT Operation and Maintenance, Mill Valley, Calif.

Call MaryAnne Bobrow at 530/321-2207 or e-mail maryanne@cowa.org.

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The Iowa Onsite Wastewater Training Center at Ankeny is offering Basic 101 on Oct. 20. Call Annette Adams at 515/964-6464, option 5, ext. 6464 or visit www.iowwa.com.

#### Michigan

The Michigan Onsite Wastewater Training and Education Center at MSU Tollgate Center in Novi is offering these courses:

- Oct. 7-8 Existing Systems Evaluator Training
- Oct. 29-30 Soils

 Nov. 4-5 – Onsite Wastewater Systems 101 Call Barb DeLong at 517/355-4720 or visit www.egr.msu.edu/age/outreach.html.

#### Missouri

The Missouri Smallflows Organization is offering these CEU courses:

- Oct. 6-7 Operation and Maintenance, Cape Girardeau
- Oct. 27-28 Drip and Pump Panels, Liberty
- Nov. 10-11 Dispersal and Water Management, Branson
- Nov. 17-18 Troubleshooting and Hydraulics, Camdenton
- Dec. 8-9 Dispersal and Water Management, Hillsboro
- Dec. 15-16 Operation and Maintenance, El Dorado Springs Call 417/739-410 or visit www.mosmallflows.org.

#### New England

The New England Onsite Wastewater Training Program at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston has these workshops:

- Oct. 1 Innovative and Alternative Technology
- Oct. 8 Bottomless Sand Filter Design and Installation
- Oct. 15 Functional Inspections
- Nov. 5 Rhode Island Designer Examination Preparation
- Nov. 19 AutoCALC: Automated Bottomless Sand Filter Sizing and Pump Calculations
- Dec. 3 Regulatory Setback and Buffers
- Dec. 10 Nitrogen in the Environment and Onsite Systems
- Dec. 15 Designing Nitrogen Removal Technologies

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#### **North Carolina**

North Carolina Soils and On-Site Wastewater Training Academy has these courses at Raleigh unless stated otherwise:

- Oct. 1 Introduction to Decentralized Wastewater, Boone
- Oct. 2 Soils 220: Saprolite, Boone
- Oct. 6-8 Subsurface Wastewater System Operator Training, Plymouth
- Oct. 13 Introduction to Decentralized Wastewater, Greensboro
- Oct 14 Subsurface Wastewater System Inspector, Greensboro
- Oct. 15 Principles of Gravity System Design
- Oct. 16 Advanced Design Lab
- Oct. 22 Soils of the Mixed Felsic/Mafic Piedmont Region
- Oct. 23 Soil Mineralogy, Salisbury
- Nov. 3 Introduction to Advanced Pretreatment Technologies, Manteo
- Nov. 4 Inspector Field Practicum, Plymouth
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The North Carolina Septic Tank Association has these courses:

- Oct. 8-9 Installer/Inspector, New Bern
- Oct. 14-15 Installer Inspector, Greensboro

#### Sept. 8

Massachusetts Association of Sewerage Pumping Contractors meeting, O'Connors Pub, 1160 West Boylston St. at highway exit 4 route 190 Worchester/West Boylston. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from Eljen will give a presentation on the company's in-drain system. Attendance carries 2.5 credits for renewal of Mass Title 5 license. For reservations, call Frank King at 978/452-7750.

#### Oct. 20-21

Delaware Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association Technical Conference, Dover Downs Hotel and Casino, Dover. Call Mike Cotten at 302/226-2844 or visit www.dowra.org.

#### Oct. 22-23

Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services Rural Wastewater Treatment Expo, Hamilton. Call 877/202-0082 or visit www.oasisontario.on.ca.

#### Oct. 25-28

Virginia Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association Fall Conference, Koger Center, Richmond. Call 540/465-9623 or visit www.vowra.org.

- Oct. 16 Pumper, Greensboro
- Nov. 12-13 Installer/Inspector, Hickory Call Connie Stephens at 336/416-6394 or visit www.ncsta.net.

#### Utah

The Utah On-Site Wastewater Treatment Training Program is offering Onsite Wastewater Treatment Certification Workshops on:

- Oct. 14-15 Level 2 Certification, Logan
- Oct. 20-22 Level 3 Certification, Logan
- Oct. 29 Level 3 Certification Renewal, Logan

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#### Virginia

These courses by the Virginia Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (VOWRA) and Virginia Center for Onsite Wastewater Training (VCOWT) are at Blackstone unless indicated otherwise:

- Oct. 19-23 Soils, VCOWT
- Oct. 25-26 National Installer Training, Richmond (VOWRA)
- Oct. 25-26 Operations and Maintenance, Richmond (VOWRA)
- Oct. 27-28 Onsite Sewage Regulations, VCOWT
- Oct. 28-29 Understanding Water Movement in Soil, VCOWT
- Nov. 2-6 Design Camp II, VCOWT
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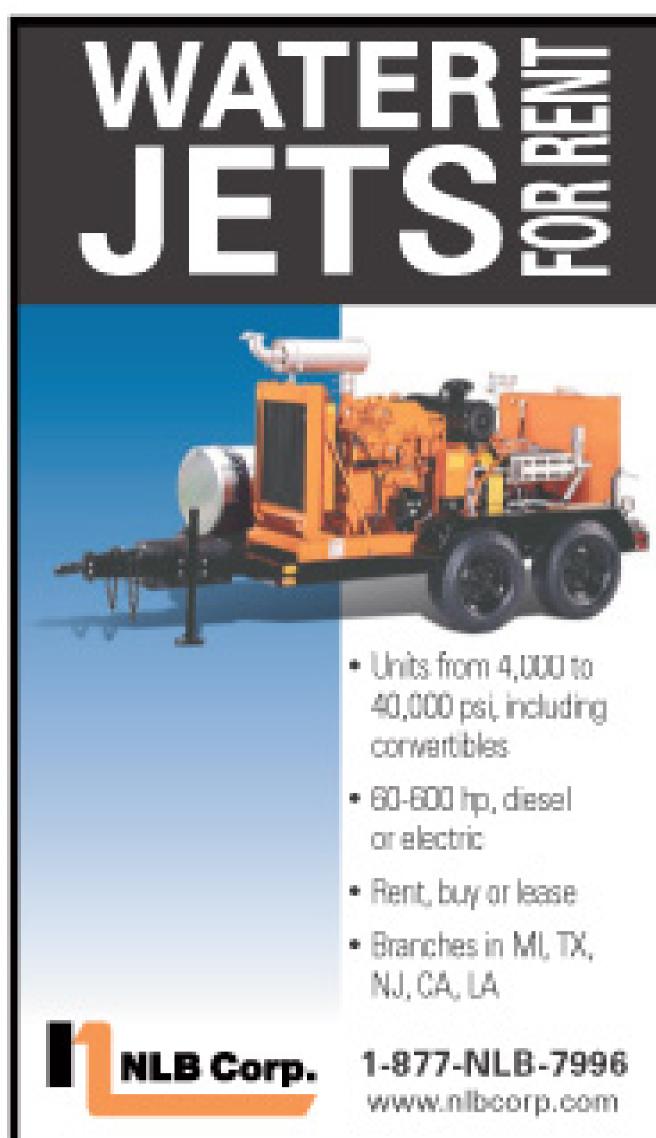
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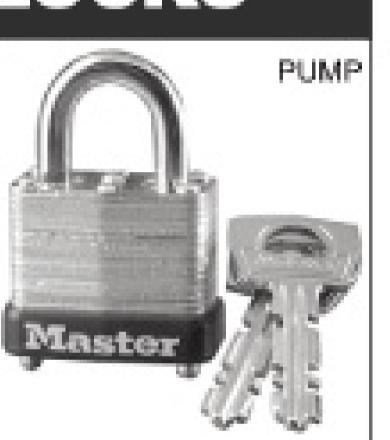
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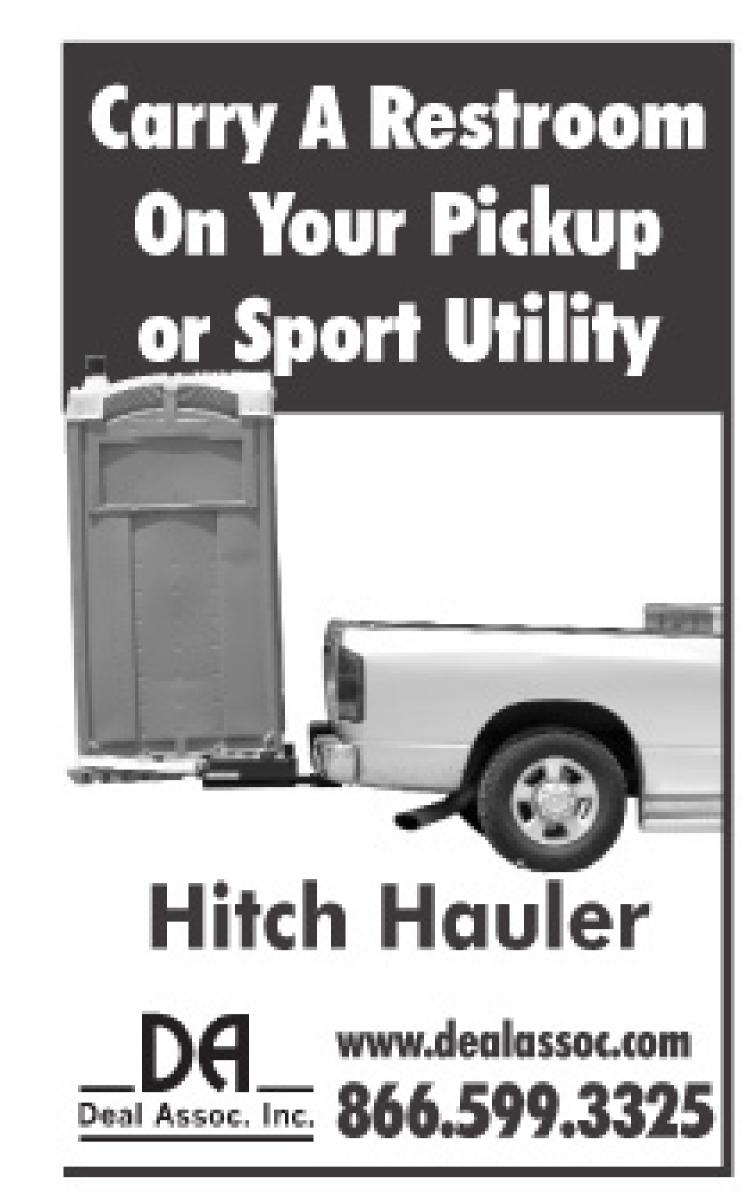
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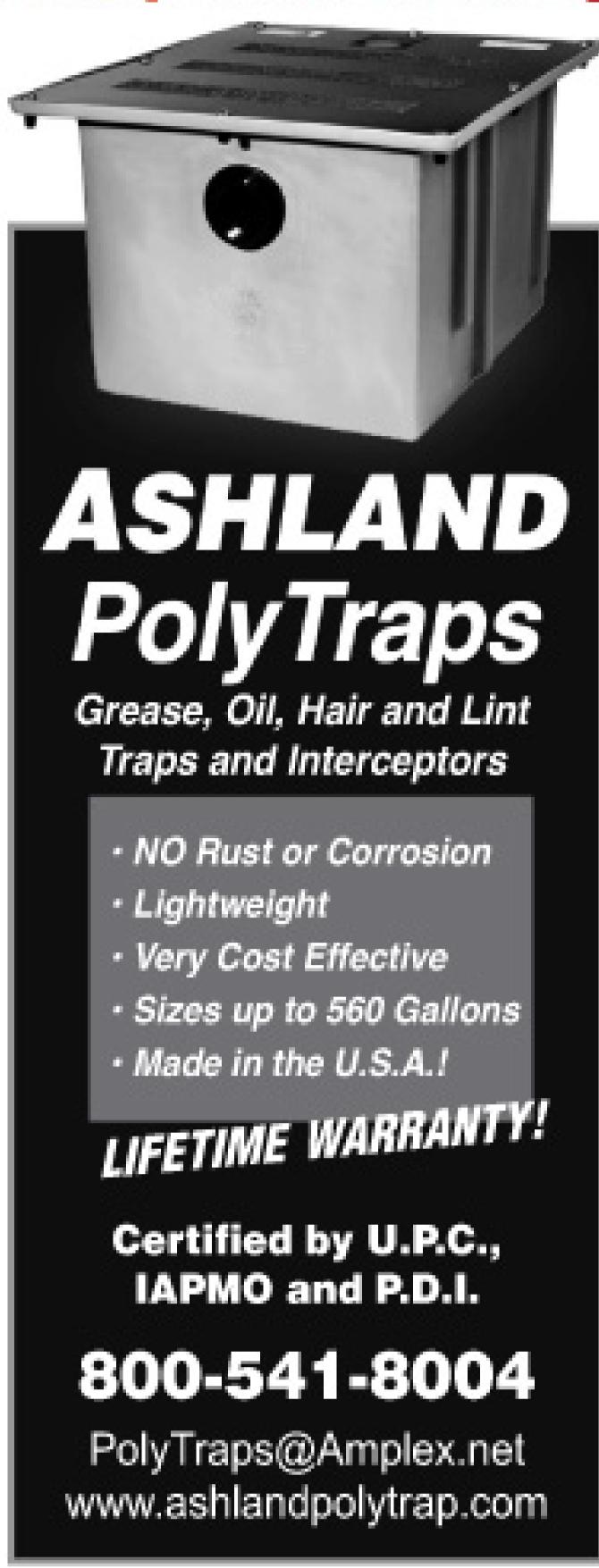




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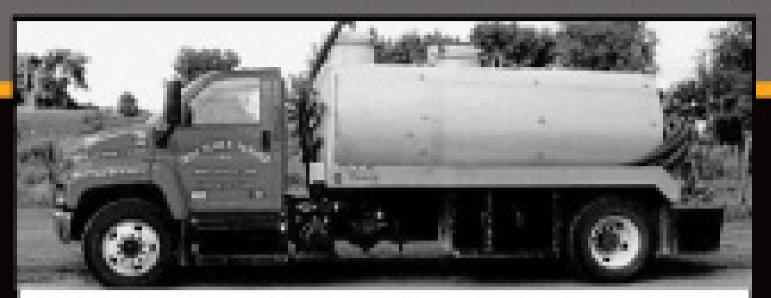
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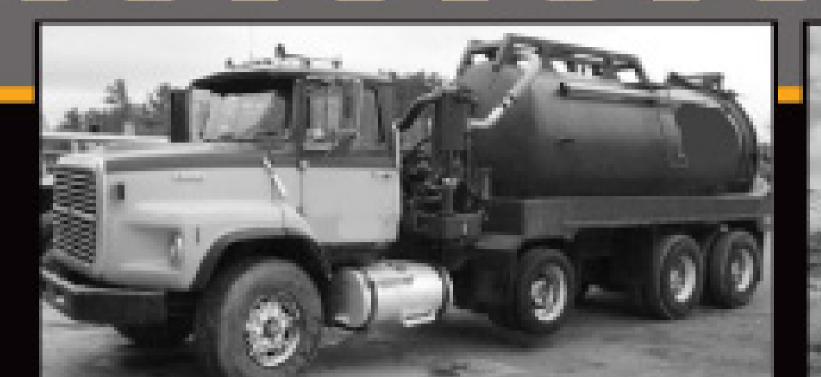
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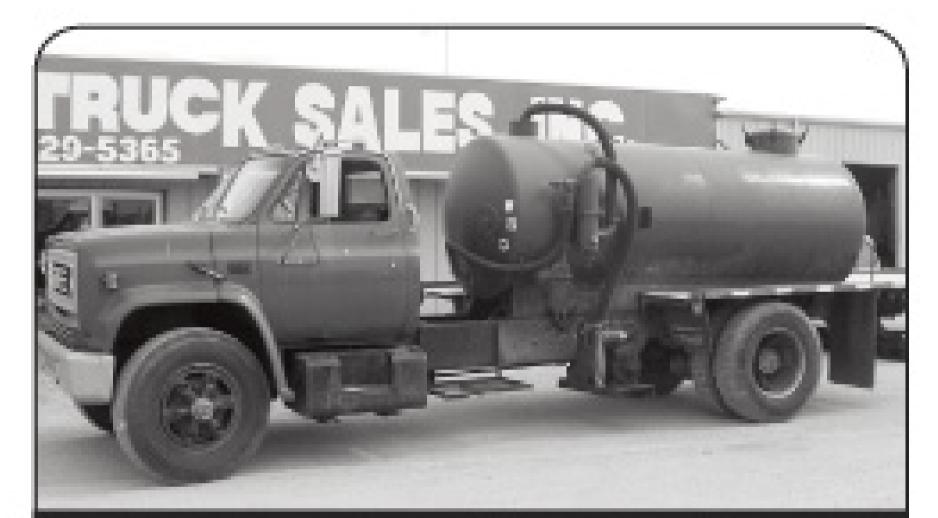
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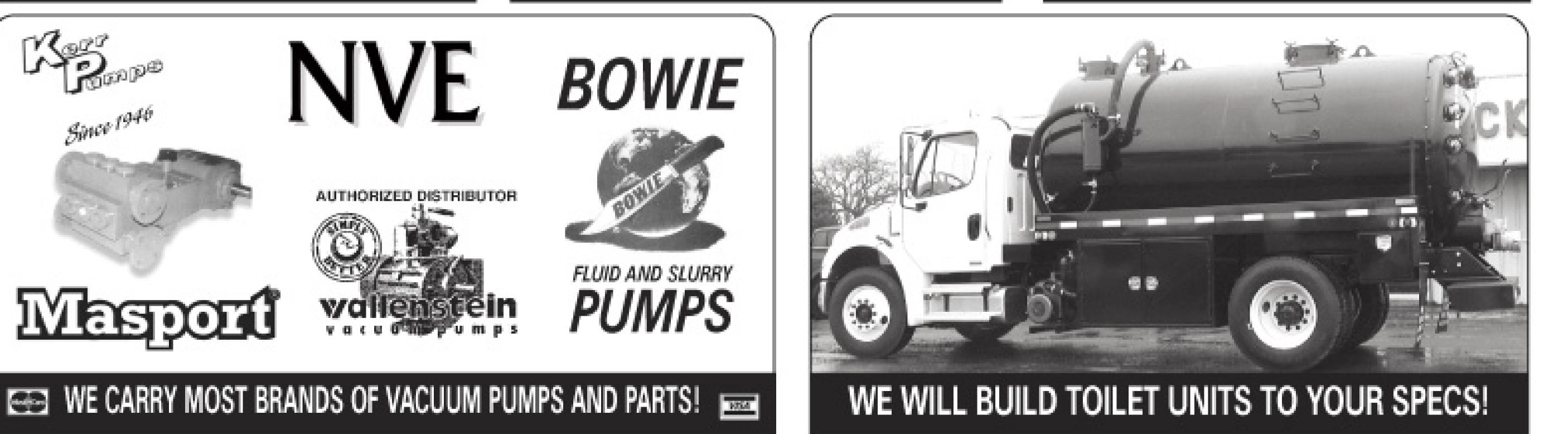
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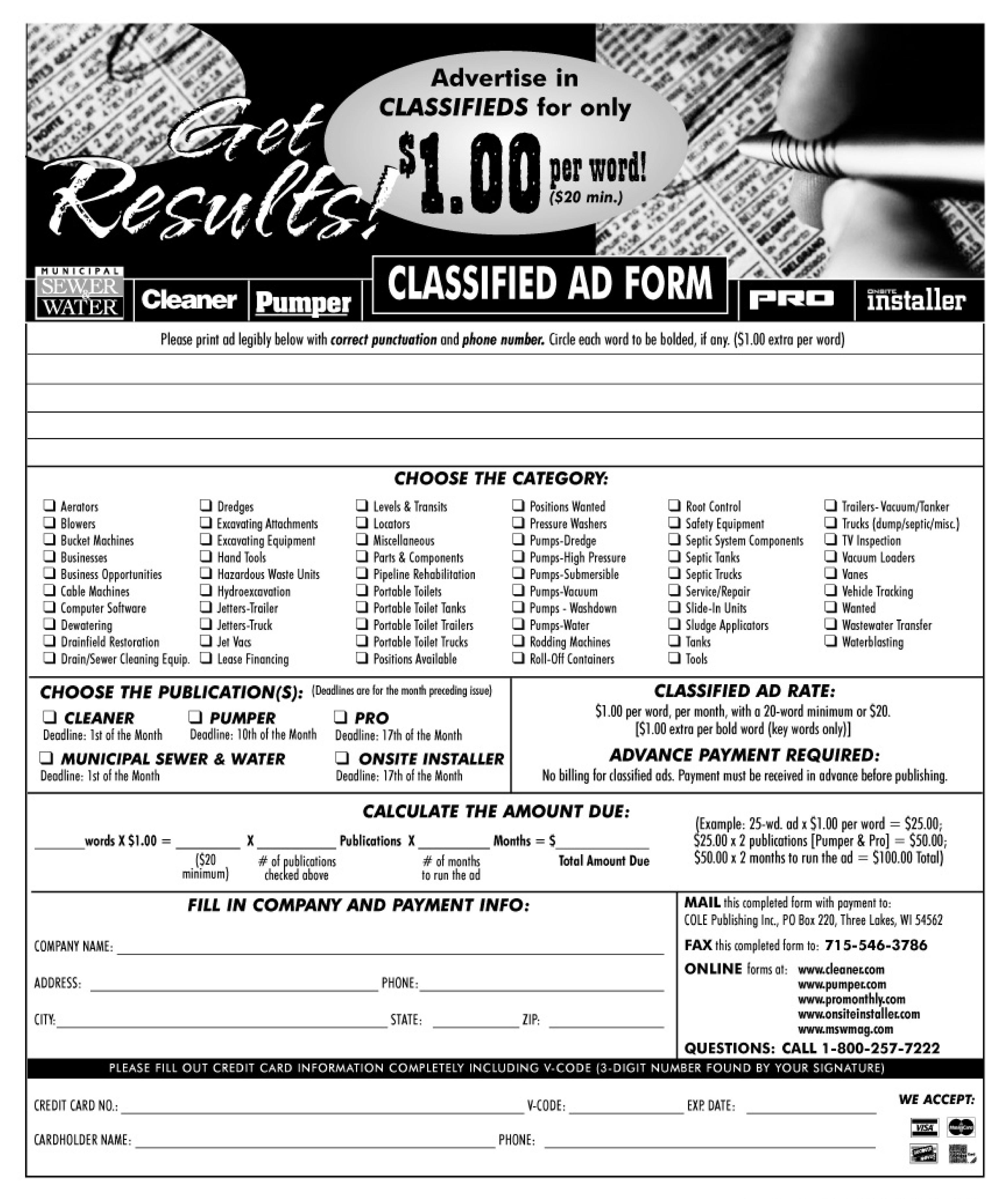
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