



ENVIRONMENTAL

ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD (AOWB)

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MISSION

The AOWB was created in 1999 to examine, license and regulate persons engaged in manufacture, installation or servicing of onsite wastewater systems in Alabama. This board was created to establish the qualification levels for those engaged in the manufacture, installation, servicing or cleaning of onsite wastewater systems and equipment in Alabama and promote the proper manufacture, installation and servicing of onsite wastewater systems.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The AOWB currently licenses over 1200 persons who perform work in the onsite wastewater industry in Alabama.

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MISSION

The mission of the Auburn University Environmental Institute (AUEI) is to serve the state, nation, and global community by providing leadership and coherence in all university areas of environmental instruction, research, and extension/outreach. The goal of the Environmental Institute is to promote, coordinate, and implement multi-disciplinary programs and activities to meet the environmental needs of the University, state, and nation.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

There are several ways in which the Institute works to meet its goals:

- By supporting and coordinating interdisciplinary teams, programs, or specialized centers, the Institute creates a new forum for environmental research and education. The associated faculty

program promotes the work and research across many disciplines which may not ordinarily coordinate investigative efforts. The Institute also serves the faculty by increasing information and access to extramural funding, and developing proposals and other means for improving the quality of environmental education and research at Auburn University. The Institute serves as a source of information concerning funding, through public and private monies, of new and innovative research opportunities. It is additionally important to increase the effectiveness of Auburn University educational programs, curriculum, and professional opportunities for all students in all academic fields related to the environment, such as through lecture series and sponsored annual conferences.

- AUEI serves to educate the state through application of the most effective resources in the resolution of environmental issues and problems and by providing government and the public, primarily through extension and outreach. It is only a secondary benefit that through these actions that AUEI enhances the position of Auburn University and its faculty by developing and coordinating programs and projects that achieve national and international prominence with respect to environmental research, instruction, and extension/outreach.

In making educated choices about the future good of Alabama's natural resources, linkages between the University and the public sector are crucial. By coordinating environmental workshops, seminars, and other educational programs for professionals, community leaders and other interested citizens, the Institute yet again fulfills the University land-grant commitment.

Research strengthens and informs educators at all levels, and in effect, sheds light on environmental issues that directly affect the quality of life in Alabama. Auburn University researchers provide a multifaceted approach to environmental problem solving. The Institute also exists to bring together faculty, government, and citizens of Alabama to develop, through open forums and conferences, acceptable and economically feasible means of tackling environmental topics.