Money Available for Failing Wastewater Systems In Northeast Kansas

Northeast Kansas Environmental Services (NEKES) has received another grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to assist with repairing or replacing failing private onsite wastewater systems. Property owners in the Kansas counties of Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, or Nemaha may apply.

The purpose of this grant program is to assist residents in the replacement of undersized, illegal or wastewater systems in need of repair. Kansas statutes require wastewater from the home to be discharged to a properly designed and maintained septic tank and soil absorption field or wastewater stabilization pond (lagoon), or an approved alternative treatment and disposal system.

NEKES will be offering funding from this grant to approved applicants to provide financial assistance for an approved wastewater system to be installed or repaired. This grant is for income-qualified residential homes within our five counties, with special consideration given to homes with the highest risk to environmental impact, and homes occupied by children and/or the homebound.

NEKES is gathering information from the applicants including required documentation to qualify for the grant. Successful applicants will be required to complete a cost-share agreement and waiver of liability prior to work commencing. Don't wait apply now.

NEKES is dedicated to ensuring a safe and healthy environment to be enjoyed by all residents in our counties. Our goal is to protect groundwater and public health.

For an application and more information, please contact NEKES at <u>nekes@carsoncomm.com</u>, call 785-985-2778 or visit our website at <u>www.nekes.org</u>.