

Shrink Swell Soils Training Course Availability Announcement

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To: VOWRA/NOWRA/VAPSS members

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is pleased to announce the availability of shrink swell soil training on the NOWRA BlueSky Path LMS website.

Course Description: This online course, is offered to OSE's and soil scientists for purchase to provide information and instruction on identification of shrink swell soils and proper characterization of these soils when considered for use in onsite wastewater dispersal systems. The course includes 7 discrete modules organized into 3 online courses on the NOWRA online learning platform. Each module provides 1.5 CPEs for those holding the onsite soil evaluator or professional soil scientist license. Each module costs \$37.50 for VOWRA/NOWRA members and \$60 for non-members.

Educational Objectives and Instructors: The title and educational objectives of each module is listed in the attachment as well as a brief biography of the presenter.

INSTRUCTIONS: To access the courses, go to [NOWRA \(pathlms.com\)](https://pathlms.com). Click the link in the upper right-hand corner to sign in or to create an account. Here are direct links to the courses:

- [VA-Shrink-Swell Soils Part 1/3](#)
- [VA-Shrink-Swell Soils Part 2/3](#)
- [VA-Shrink-Swell Soils Part 3/3](#)

You can also search for the courses by entering a search term such as "shrink" in course search box. Follow the instructions to complete your purchase of the course. Once you have purchased the course, you can return to it until the courses are deactivated.

Question and Answer (Q&A) Session: Module 8 will be a Question and Answer Session hosted on the ZOOM meeting platform. It will be available to participants following completion of the online portion of the course. The Q&A Session features the instructors answering questions from the participants. The LIVE Q&A Session has been scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2021, from 9 am to 12 pm. It will be recorded for later viewing by those who miss the live event or complete the online course at a later date. Attendance at the LIVE Q&A session is optional, but highly recommended. No additional CPE credits will be awarded for attendance or viewing of the Question and Answer Session. Instructions with connection instructions will be sent to those who have registered for the course at least one week before to the Q&A Session. A recording will of the Q&A Session will be made available on BlueSky PathLMS for all others.

PLEASE NOTE: Module 8 is optional, but viewing it is encouraged. Those completing the course before the LIVE Q&A Session will have the opportunity to attend the LIVE event. Those the completing the course later can view a recording (as Module 8) of the LIVE Q&A Session.