

Meet Our New Energy Services Specialist

Sharon Ohnstad has been named to fill the position of Energy Services Specialist at Klickitat PUD.

Most of our customers probably already know Sharon. She has worked the last eight years in our Customer Service Department in Goldendale. You can now find Sharon in the Energy Services/Power Management Department, filling the shoes of Miquette Ihrig, who recently transferred to our Engineering Department.

Sharon is busy learning her new duties, as well as training with our power scheduler for back-up coverage. With 2006 coming to an end, Sharon is assisting her department

in putting a new conservation program proposal together for the upcoming years.

When she is not at work, Sharon enjoys going to car shows and motocross events with her husband.

Her son joined the United States Marine Corps following high school graduation in 2005, making Sharon very proud.

The Power Management Department welcomes Sharon to its team and looks forward to a great working relationship.

If you would like information on ways to save energy in your home, stop by the office and visit with Sharon, or give her a call at (509) 773-7622. ■



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Klickitat's New Wastewater System is Complete

The new wastewater system recently installed in the town of Klickitat consists of interceptor tanks to catch the biosolids and a treatment plant to treat the effluent.

The new system of interceptor tanks is a biosolids removal system that may need to be pumped out on an average of every three years.

The Interceptor Tank Process

Your interceptor tank is a large watertight structure in which organic solids are trapped. Sewage slows as it flows through the tank to allow solids to settle. The liquid is then filtered as it continues on to the wastewater treatment plant.

A four-person family will typically need their tank pumped out every two to three years.

Reminder DO's and Don'ts For Using Your New Interceptor Tanks

- **DO** limit the use of garbage disposals. Ground-up foods increase the solids in the interceptor tanks, creating a need for additional pumping.

- **DO** limit the use of bleach in your washer and wash only full loads

- **DO** ensure KPUD access to tank manhole for inspection, plumbing and maintenance.

- **DON'T** pour kitchen grease into drains.

- **DON'T** flush cigarette butts, sanitary napkins or other inorganic material down the toilet.

Improper use of the system leads to additional pumping. ■

