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As far as an OSSF installer, there needs to be time and resources spent on enforcement of illegal installs. The responsibility gets dumped back on understaffed counties and nothing happens. County DAs don't persecute for septic, so if they get caught on an illegal install. They just pay the fines and keep going, because they know it falls dead after the county. TCEQ will do things to help so that's why they keep installing them, endangering the environment and ripping people off. I understand this is not TCEQ's biggest concern and it's only the county issue. The entire industry knows TCEQ only gets involved if there are large fines at risk, then they're all over it.

I've actually called TCEQ, a while ago, on an illegal install trying to help my county. After I explained what was going on with raw sewage spilling out. The person said, "can you explain what rule is being violated and how am I to enforce it". I've never called back to report on sewage dumping from illegal installs. I've called for guidance on a large commercial install over 5000gpd. Spent over an hour on the phone getting passed around to departments. Not a single person knew who I needed to talk to. Never even got an answer. But then I get follow up emails 2-3 months after that asking if I got what I needed. No, I didn't still haven't almost a year later. Had to tell them stop emailing me about it.

TCEQ has way bigger issues to address than ethics of us out in the field.