The onsite sewage research and engineering program is the only state-funded government-operated research program in the nation, which has allowed us to conduct unbiased onsite sewage research and technology evaluations for over 30 years. We offer a wealth of technical expertise in onsite sewage research and engineering to assist with finding solutions to difficult questions.

**Vision - Be the single best resource for knowledge relating to onsite sewage research and engineering in the State of Florida**

We provide unbiased research on public health and environmental impacts of onsite sewage in Florida, statewide product review and approval of onsite sewage technologies, and technical assistance on statewide environmental health issues to the county health departments, state and federal agencies, interested citizens, and impacted industry. The results of our program help to shape the onsite sewage industry, which directly impacts anyone involved in understanding, building, or using onsite sewage systems in Florida.

**Unbiased research:**
- Conduct Onsite System research to protect public health and the environment
- Support for the stakeholder-led Research Review and Advisory Committee

**Product review and approval:**
- Uniform construction and design standards for septic tanks, advanced onsite wastewater treatment systems, and alternative drainfield products
- Make sure system additives do not contaminate surface or groundwater

**Technical assistance and outreach:**
- Permitting review support to county offices and various other stakeholders
- Presentations and trainings on research project results at local, statewide, and national levels