

# **Professional Registration of Soil Scientists in Indiana. (S05-franzmeier125443-Poster)**

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## **Abstract:**

The 2001 Indiana General Assembly passed a bill that established the Indiana Registry of Soil Science. The goal of the Registry is to help protect the health of Indiana people and protect soil and water quality. IRSS is administered by a five-member board through the Office of Indiana State Chemist, a state agency located on the Purdue University campus. Registration requirements are similar to ARCPACS certification except that applicants must pass an exam that covers Indiana soils and tests field skills in evaluating soil morphology and landscapes. Those who, on July 1, 2001, were certified by ARCPACS or by the Indiana Association of Professional Soil Classifiers, and those not certified but with five years of experience in evaluating soil morphology and landscapes can be grandfathered into the program during 2002. CEU credits, including field skills, are required to renew registration. Now, consulting soil scientists mainly conduct soil and landscape investigations for onsite wastewater disposal systems. For more information contact the Indiana Registry of Soil Science, Office of Indiana State Chemist, Purdue University, 1154 Biochemistry, W. Lafayette, IN 47907-1154.

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