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Yankee Onsite Wastewater Association Newsletter – Winter 2007

Welcome Note from John Higgins – Interim President:

On behalf of the interim officers and Board of Directors, we thank you for your support and commitment to the Yankee Onsite Wastewater Association (YOWA) and the onsite decentralized wastewater industry. YOWA is the organization that will help represent your interests as the official northeast affiliate of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA).

Have you visited the:

Official YOWA Website at <http://www.nowra.org/yowa> or the
New NOWRA Website at <http://www.nowra.org>.

2007 YOWA Board of Director Election results

We are happy to announce that the following YOWA members were elected to serve as the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2007.

David Clark (MA), Steven Corr (MA), Stephen Dix (CT), Victor Giard (VT), Thomas Groves (Regional), James Jacobsen (ME), Russell Martin (ME), Andrew McBrearty (MA), Michael Moreau (MA), Daniel Ottenheimer (MA), David Potts (CT), Brent Reagor (MA)

Thank you to those who participated in the voting process; we appreciate your commitment to expanding the onsite wastewater profession. The Board of Directors will be meeting in February and will help frame the immediate future of the organization by electing new Officers and sponsoring YOWA training programs and initiatives.

Who is NOWRA and what do they do?

NOWRA is the largest national organization representing all sectors of the onsite/decentralized wastewater industry (i.e., pumpers, contractors, installers, regulators, designers, engineers, manufacturers, and educators). Providing education and training programs to professionals within this industry, to policy officials, the public, and system owners is the driving force of this organization. Through education, NOWRA provides a leadership role in state and federal legislative initiatives to protect water quality and public health.

2007 YOWA Membership renewals

In 2006, YOWA established itself as a viable and energetic state member association. Our membership at the conclusion of 2006 was 105 members. YOWA created cost-effective communication with our members in 2006 by the use of an electronic newsletter and presence on the Web (www.nowra.org/yowa). We look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year.

2007 will bring new challenges to YOWA. We will become full time, dues paying members of NOWRA (\$30 per member). We will continue to receive the benefits of belonging to this national organization representing all sectors of the onsite/decentralized wastewater industry – currently 4,000 plus members nationally.

In order for us to continue this effort and grow as a state member association of NOWRA, we need your continued support. You can download a membership application at www.nowra.org/yowa. Dues for 2007 will be \$100 per member and \$35 for students. Although the membership cost is an increase from our 2006 entry level dues structure, we believe it is still a great value. The membership voted on, and agreed to this membership rate at the October 2006 meeting. We need your support to help continue this exciting path that YOWA is blazing.

If you have any questions about YOWA, please feel free to contact us at the address and phone number listed in this newsletter. Thank you once again for becoming part of YOWA and we look forward to an even more exciting 2007!

Results from the 1st Official YOWA Membership Meeting

YOWA held its first official meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2006. At this meeting dues for the 2007 renewal were discussed as well as organization of the board of directors and the initiation of two committees. It was decided that the dues for 2007 would be a flat fee of \$100 per member (for more details see 2007 YOWA Membership renewals). The attendees voted that the Board of Directors would consist of twelve members, one from each member state and one from each sector of the onsite industry. At this meeting two committees were started. They are the Education and Outreach committees (for more details see Interested in joining the YOWA Education or Outreach Committee).

Interested in joining the YOWA Education or Outreach Committee

At the first official membership meeting in October two standing committees (Outreach and Education) were initiated. These committees look forward to innovative and exciting things in 2007 and beyond.

The main responsibilities of the Outreach Committee are the YOWA Newsletter and membership recruiting. The main responsibilities of the Education Committee are assisting with the 3rd Northeast Onsite Wastewater Treatment Short Course and Equipment Exhibition and other regional YOWA trainings.

If you are interested in joining the YOWA Education and/or Outreach Committee please contact John Higgins at septicssystem@comcast.net.

Current Outreach Committee:

Jim Bransfield, Infiltrator Systems, Inc.; Jim Healy, Infiltrator Systems, Inc.; Leland Jones, Cultec, Inc.; Michael Moreau, Environmental Operating Solutions; John Murphy, NEIWPC

Current Education Committee:

Stephen Dix, Septic Solutions; Roland Dupuis, D Cubed Engineering; Vic Giard, Wastewater Technologies; Jim Jacobsen, ME-CDC; George Loomis, University of Rhode Island Onsite Wastewater Training Ctr.; Holly Meehan, NEOWTP University of Rhode Island; Michael Moreau, Environmental Operating Solutions; John Murphy, NEIWPC; Brent Reagor, Town of Acton; Charles Resevick, Aquapoint, Inc.

Current YOWA members as of 12/31/06 = 105**16th Annual NOWRA and 1st International Conference March 2007, Baltimore, MD**

For the first time ever, a collection of U.S.–International industry experts, practitioners, and officials will gather in the U.S. to share their ideas, knowledge, research, expertise, strategies, and case studies for achieving sustainability in future water resource use through a greater use of decentralized systems.

This collaborative forum presents the advances in U.S. decentralized wastewater, water, storm water, and reuse technologies, together with the innovative integrated water resources planning and programs occurring throughout Europe and Asia.

To view more information on registration fees, agenda and more, please go to <http://www.nowra.org/pdfs/wfl.pdf>.

NOWRA and EPA Announce 2007 Model Code Regulator Workshops

NOWRA is pleased to announce the dates for two of four planned 2007 Model Code Regulator Workshops – January 23 and March 11. With funding support from the U.S. EPA Office of Water, these workshops are part of an overall education and outreach program for regulators and policy officials about managing onsite and decentralized systems within a regulatory framework. The workshops are intended to assist regulators and policy officials with understanding how to use the Model Code documents to evaluate, revise, or develop codes governing onsite systems. The workshop also identifies options available and steps involved to accomplish this process. The program includes an overview of the newly adopted documents, entitled the “*Model Code Framework for the Decentralized Wastewater Infrastructure*, which will be publicly released in early 2007.

The *Model Code Framework* was written and developed by many onsite regulators who were part of NOWRA’s Model Code Committee, some of whom will be conducting the workshops. All workshop participants will receive a CD containing the *Model Code Framework* documents and a workbook containing the Executive Summary and presentation. The Model Code Regulator Workshops are provided at no cost and are open to all state and local government officials involved in onsite wastewater and

decentralized systems. Workshops are limited to 40 attendees and the cut-off date is 10 days prior to the workshop date. A Model Code Education and Information web site is established where all documents produced as well as updates about the ongoing activities will be housed. You can visit the site at <http://www.modelcode.org/>.

Workshop 1 - January 23, 2007

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 401 West High Street, Lexington, Kentucky. (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). This workshop occurs prior to the Kentucky Onsite Wastewater Association's annual conference.

Workshop 2 - Held March 11, 2007

Location: Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD. (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). This workshop occurs prior to the NOWRA 16th Annual Technical Education Conference and International Program. The registration deadline is March 1, 2007.

Have you visited SepticLocator.com?

The Septic Locator is an online directory and search engine designed to allow you to easily find a local product supplier, service provider or individual industry practitioner in your area. The Septic Locator is created and maintained by NOWRA, by joining YOWA you are listed in the locator. No other site on the web offers this kind of direct access to onsite wastewater professionals and products.

Below is a listing of some current news and events from the New England States:

Connecticut

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection will shortly be posting on its website their new "Guidance Document for the Design of Large Scale On-Site Wastewater Renovation Systems." This document is intended to provide information and methodologies for the design, construction, operation and maintenance for those wastewater renovation systems which are under the Department's regulatory authority. This would include OWRS at:

1. Sites where the design flow is greater than 5,000 gallons per day, which may include multiple smaller systems
2. Sites utilizing alternative treatment systems
3. Sites utilizing community sewerage systems

The Department's new website address is www.ct.gov/dep . Also available on the website is summary performance data on advanced wastewater treatment systems. Additional summary data will be posted as it becomes available.

Maine

The 2007 Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee (JETCC) Septic System training schedule is set and listed below. For more information, contact JETCC at (207) 253-8020.

Feb 16 – Biddeford – JETCC Training – Basic Installation
Feb 20 – Portland – JETCC Training – LPI Training
Mar 7 – Auburn – JETCC training – Basic Installation
Mar 13 – Augusta – JETCC Training – System Inspections

Mar 21 – Brewer – JETCC Training – Basic Installation
Mar 27 – Presque Isle – JETCC Training – Basic Installation
Apr 4 – Ellsworth – JETCC training – LPI Training
Apr 10 – Presque Isle – JETCC Training – LPI training

Training that occurs beginning January 1, 2007 will count toward the 12 professional development hours required for Site Evaluators (600.F, CMR 245).

Maine Association of Site Evaluators (MASE) Annual Meeting

The MASE 2007 Technical Seminar and Annual Business Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at the Augusta Lodge of The Elks, Route 27 (Civic Center Drive) in Augusta. The Division will accept attendance hours at the MASE Annual Meeting for professional development hours in the current license period, toward Site Evaluator license renewal. For more information, contact Gary Fullerton at gfullerton@sebagotechics.com

To view a list of approved I/A technologies in Maine visit:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/plumb/news.htm>
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/plumb/lists.htm>

Massachusetts

Important Renewal Information

Massachusetts Title 5 Onsite System Inspectors and Soil Evaluators certified prior to 2005 were required to renew their licenses by January 1, 2007 with NEIWPCC. For details and to download the required forms, visit <http://www.neiwpcc.org/Index.htm?massonsite.htm~mainFrame>.

To view a list of approved I/A technologies in Massachusetts visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/t5itprog.htm>

New Hampshire

NH DES links to OneStop Web Site

To make environmental information more readily accessible and understandable to the public, the Department of Environmental Services has linked its internal programs together to form the OneStop Web Site. The goals of the OneStop Web Site are to:

- Improve DES's effectiveness through better use and analysis of existing information,
- Improve public access to environmental information, and
- Provide public upload of environmental information.

The OneStop web site makes this information public through the OneStop Data Retrieval Site. Available information includes: sources of environmental interest; ordering sampling equipment for environmental testing; permit statuses; and information on local businesses that provide various environmental services, ranging from hazardous waste transportation to well designers. Data for such programs can be submitted by registered providers through the OneStop Data Provider Site

To view a list of approved I/A technologies in New Hampshire visit:

<http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/ssb/ssb-12.htm>

Rhode Island

To view a list of approved I/A technologies in Rhode Island visit:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/isds/pdfs/ialist.pdf>

Vermont

To view a list of approved I/A technologies in Vermont visit:

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/Innovative.htm#approvals>

Regional and National Websites of Interest:

National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA):

- www.nowra.org

Connecticut Environmental Health Association (CEHA):

- <http://www.cteha.org/>

Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists:

- <http://www.mapss.org>

Maine Department of Environmental Protection:

- <http://www.state.me.us/dep/index.shtml>

Maine Division of Environmental Health:

- <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng>

Maine Rural Water Association:

- <http://www.mainerwa.org/>

Massachusetts Title 5:

- <http://mass.gov/dep/water/wastewat.htm>

National Environmental Services Center (NESC):

- <http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/>

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC):

- <http://www.neiwpcc.org/>

New England Water Environment Association:

- <http://www.newea.org>

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services:

- <http://www.des.state.nh.us>

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management:

- <http://www.dem.state.ri.us>

University of Rhode Island (URI) Onsite Wastewater Training Center:

- <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/owtc/html/owtc.html>

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation:

- <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec>