



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 being established where all documents produced as well as updates about the ongoing activities will be housed.

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. The registration deadline is January 12, 2007.

Workshop 2 - 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.

Locations and Hosts for Additional Workshops Being Sought

Two additional workshops scheduled to occur after Workshop 2 are being considered in the following locations: the southeast, southwest, and the Great Lakes. Location selection will be based on the level of interest of states. Please contact the NOWRA office to express interest in attending one of these possible locations or as serving as a workshop host.

Registration Procedures
2007 MODEL CODE REGULATOR WORKSHOPS

Date and location of workshop _____

Registrant name: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____

Mailing address _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Please answer the following questions. Your responses will assist workshop leaders as they prepare to address specific issues identified by participants.

1. Is your jurisdiction currently involved, or planning to make revisions to onsite codes?

- No
- Yes. If so, when? _____

2. What are the primary changes or obstacles affecting the revision process?

- Political opposition/ lack of interest (i.e. elected officials, homebuilders/ realtors, environmental groups, etc.)
- Opposition/ lack of interest from onsite industry groups (i.e. OWWS contractors, designers, manufacturers, etc.)
- Disagreements among affected groups on specific technical or administrative concepts
- Other _____

3. What areas of assistance are needed to make code/regulation revisions?

4. What specific issue or special interests affecting your jurisdiction about onsite regulations and codes would you like to see addressed at the workshop (check all that apply):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> risk assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> soil treatment issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> performance standards | <input type="checkbox"/> system designs (prescriptive vs. performance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> practitioner certification | <input type="checkbox"/> state vs. local authority and responsibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> technology evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> enforcement/compliance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> practitioner roles and responsibilities | <input type="checkbox"/> non-residential/community system management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> operation and maintenance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> inspection and monitoring | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | |

Please fax completed form to 410/798-5741 or mail to NOWRA, P.O. Box 1270, Edgewater, MD 21037