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WEF Cities of the Future 2010 Conference

Special Message from NOWRA

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Two time sensitive items have come up that we would like to make you aware of before the next issue of *e-News*.

1. NOWRA Announces Agreement to Support WEF *Cities of the Future 2010* Conference

NOWRA President Tom Groves announced that NOWRA has agreed to cooperate with the Water Environment Federation (WEF) on the **Cities of the Future 2010** conference, from March 7 - 10, 2010 in Boston, MA. This is WEF's first conference on this topic and we look forward to working with WEF and other partner organizations to successfully engage a broad range of practitioners for this important event. With NOWRA's active involvement in the promotion of and education related to onsite and decentralized systems, we believe that we will be an important part of this conference. As noted in WEF's call for abstracts, they acknowledge that a "paradigm shift for newly created ecocities and existing urban communities alike necessitates innovative ways of conceptualizing urban infrastructure that move away from traditional practices of centralized, linear, once-through water and energy flow towards decentralized facilities and closed water and energy systems."

Call to action - Call for Abstracts Submittal Deadline: July 15, 2009

If you wish to submit an abstract, please visit the following site for more information:

<http://www.wef.org/ConferencesTraining/ConferencesEvents/CitiesoftheFuture/>

2. EPA's Watershed Academy Sponsors its 42nd Free Webcast Seminar

"Introduction to the Clean Water Act"

Wednesday, July 1, 2009 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT

By William Painter, Environmental Scientist, USEPA's Watershed Branch

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The Clean Water Act (CWA) is the cornerstone of surface water quality protection in the United States. The statute employs a variety of regulatory and non-regulatory tools to reduce direct pollutant discharges into waterways, finance municipal wastewater treatment facilities, and manage polluted runoff. These tools are employed to achieve the broader goal of restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters so that they can support "the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water."

The first Webcast will provide an Introduction to the CWA including a brief history of the Act, an explanation of technology vs. water quality-based approaches, and a brief overview of key components of the Act and related EPA regulations. Future Webcasts will focus on key aspects of the CWA including water quality standards, monitoring and assessment, total maximum daily loads, programs for managing point sources and nonpoint sources, and wetland protection.

An informational flyer on the webcast can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/webcasts/pdf/2009_07_01_flyer.pdf

To register for the webcast, please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/webcasts/register.html>

Please note - Attendees must register in advance to participate in Webcasts. During the Webcasts, trainees log onto the Web to participate in live training conducted by expert instructors. Your computer must have the capability of playing sound in order to attend the Webcasts. For those that are not able to register for a Webcast, a streaming audio version of the training will be made available after the live seminar for the public to listen to and view.

Questions? Please contact Amber Marriot at Amber.marriott@tetrattech.com

About NOWRA

The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) is the largest organization within the U.S. dedicated solely to educating and representing members within the onsite and decentralized industry. NOWRA has Affiliates, with constituent local groups throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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