



## 2011 Decentralized MOU Partners

**Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)** - ACWA is a national association for state, interstate and territorial officials who implement surface water protection programs and their mission is to protect and improve water quality. *(Formerly ASIWPCA)*

**Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA)** - ASDWA is a national association for drinking water program administrators (mostly at the state level) and their mission is to support states in their efforts to protect public health through the assurance of high quality drinking water.

**Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)** - ASTHO is a national association for state and territorial health agencies and their mission is to transform public health within states and territories to dramatically improve health and wellness.

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** – CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) plans, directs, and coordinates a national program to maintain and improve the health of the American people by promoting a healthy environment and by preventing premature death and avoidable illness and disability caused by non-infectious, non-occupational environmental and related factors. They are especially committed to safeguarding the health of populations that are particularly vulnerable to certain environmental hazards - children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

**Consortium of Institutions for Decentralized Wastewater Treatment (CIDWT)** - This organization encourages research and education focused on onsite/decentralized wastewater treatment. It lists educational institutions and people from citizens’ groups, regulatory agencies and private industry who are actively interested in the onsite/decentralized movement and offers information on academic curriculum and training.

**Groundwater Protection Council (GWPC)** - The Groundwater Protection Council is a national association of state ground water and underground injection control agencies whose mission is to promote the protection and conservation of ground water resources for all beneficial uses, recognizing ground water as a critical component of the ecosystem.

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**[National Association of Towns and Townships \(NATaT\)](#)** - NATaT strives to strengthen the effectiveness of town and township government through the education of lawmakers and public policy officials.

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**[National Association of Wastewater Transporters \(NAWT\)](#)** - NAWT members are part of the liquid waste management industry. NAWT works to increase the professionalism and public image of the industry through education of its members and the public.

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**[National Environmental Health Associations \(NEHA\)](#)** - NEHA's mission is to help environmental health officials to protect the environment. Check out this site for relevant publications, upcoming conferences and NEHA newsletters.

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**[National Environmental Services Center \(NESC\)](#)** - Consisting of three sister organizations (the National Small Flows Clearinghouse, the National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities, and the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse), NESC provides technical assistance and information about drinking water, wastewater, environmental training, and solid waste management to communities serving fewer than 10,000 individuals.

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**[National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association \(NOWRA\)](#)** - NOWRA's goal is to promote and advance the onsite wastewater industry. This site contains a comprehensive calendar of events, the Onsite Insite newsletter, and a helpful listing of state associations. NOWRA is in the process of developing a **[model performance code](#)**.

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**[National Sanitation Foundation \(NSF\)](#)** - NSF International is committed to public health, safety and protection of the environment through education and third-party conformity assessments. Check out this site for NSF's online newsletters, conferences and certification programs.

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**[Rural Community Assistance Program \(RCAP\)](#)** - RCAP is a resource for community leaders and others looking for technical assistance services and training related to rural drinking water supply and wastewater treatment needs, rural solid waste programs, housing, economic development, comprehensive community assessment and planning, and environmental regulations.

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**[State Onsite Regulators Alliance \(SORA\)](#)** - SORA is a national alliance of state onsite wastewater treatment system regulators (mostly from state health departments) and their mission is to exchange information regarding OWTS issues and promote the decentralized wastewater as a viable and sustainable option for wastewater infrastructure.

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**[Water Environment Federation \(WEF\)](#)** - WEF is a nonprofit technical and educational organization with members from varied disciplines who work toward the WEF vision of preservation and enhancement of the global water environment.

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**[Water Environment Research Foundation \(WERF\)](#)** - The Water Environment Research Foundation is dedicated to advancing science and technology addressing water quality issues as they impact water resources, the atmosphere, the lands and quality of life.

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