

Mutual Cooperation Agreement
Between
The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association
and the
National Water Quality Association.

The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) and the National Water Quality Association (NWQA) recognize that the two organizations have a number of common interests and objectives. NOWRA and NWQA wish to work together more closely to better serve members with the common goal of advancing knowledge in the field of ground water and protection of water quality. The premises of this Mutual Cooperation Agreement are:

- NOWRA and NWQA have many common interests, including members, policy concerns and scientific focus.
- The NOWRA and NWQA wish to work together to promote and encourage greater understanding and education on the scientific, professional and technical matters of interest.
- The mission and values of both organizations are aligned.

NOWRA and NWQA agree that the mutual best interests of members of both organizations will be well served by:

- Improved understanding of long-term objectives;
- Sustained contact among volunteer leaders and staff of both associations;
- Enhanced communication on technical and governmental matters ; and
- Joint projects that serve the mission of both organizations.

In support of these objectives, NOWRA and NWQA agree to the following:

1. Committees, commissions and interest groups shall be encouraged to exchange information as appropriate. When desirable, representatives of both organizations shall pursue regular exchanges or may designate representatives to the other society's work groups. Only after a joint project is agreed to may work plans developed by either organization be shared with the other to improve communications and to facilitate decisions.
2. Both organizations shall be alert for opportunities to work jointly on projects of mutual interest or benefit. Such opportunities could include joint research and development, special conferences, education and training, policy statements, meetings, technical documents or business development with the shared objective of increasing common understanding of ground water issues and concerns among scientists, industry members and customers. Publication and distribution of such documents shall be accomplished at the discretion of each organization.
3. The Executive Directors of NOWRA and NWQA shall maintain regular communication and shall be responsible for the successful implementation of this agreement.

This agreement, while not meant to be comprehensive, establishes an agreed-upon disposition on the part of NOWRA and NWQA to examine opportunities for mutual benefit. This Agreement will last for an initial period of five years, but may be terminated by either party upon one month's notice.

This agreement has been approved by the Board of Directors of the National Water Quality Association and the Council of The National On-site Wastewater Recycling Association and Signed by the "Presidents" of the respective Associations, October 2005.