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Registration now open for Onsite Wastewater Systems Summit, June 17-20, in Columbus, OH!

Attendee and exhibitor registration is now open for the upcoming [Onsite Wastewater Systems Summit](#) – the “superconference” hosted by NOWRA, NEHA and SORA. This first-of-its kind event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Columbus and the adjoining Greater Columbus Convention Center, June 17-20, 2011. The exciting conference program includes top notch [education](#), great [networking](#), and an extensive and diverse [exhibit hall](#). As the largest national gathering of onsite practitioners in 2011, this is an event you will not want to miss! Visit the [NOWRA Annual Conference Page](#) for more conference details, or go right to the [OWS Summit website and register](#).

Be aware that the OWS Summit website can be a bit challenging to navigate currently. To get a conference agenda, [click here](#). If you would like to see a more detailed conference agenda which includes links to the descriptions for each educational session, [click here](#).

Not a member of NOWRA, but want to attend the Summit? Join NOWRA before the OWS Summit and you will save \$150 on your registration! NOWRA individual memberships are just \$95; the NOWRA member discount to register for the Summit is \$150! You do the math. Take advantage of a year of membership in NOWRA and save money at the same time? Friends, this is known as a no-brainer. To join NOWRA, simply fill out [the membership application](#) and return it to NOWRA with payment.

Note: If you are a member of one of these [state organizations](#), you are already a member

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of NOWRA and you will save \$150 on your Summit registration. And if you live/work in a state which is affiliated with NOWRA, but you aren't a member of the state association, by joining now, you will save \$150 on your OWS Summit registration. In most cases, state dues are less than the registration discount, which means you get membership in **two** organizations and still save money! That's known as a double no brainer!

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NOWRA Annual Business Meeting Set for June 19

NOWRA will hold its Annual Business Meeting in conjunction with the Onsite Wastewater Systems Summit in Columbus Ohio. The meeting will take place from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Sunday, June 19. The business meeting will be followed by a cocktail reception where participants can network and catch up with friends. The order of business for the meeting is as follows:

- Call to Order and the availability of the corporation membership list.
- Reading of Annual Meeting Notice
- Reading of the previous annual meeting minutes,
- Presidents Report
- Secretary-Treasurer Report
- Executive Directors Report.
- Committee Reports
- Other business
- Adjournment

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2011 Roe-D-Hoe Title Goes to IOWWA Champion Casey Mallon

Casey Mallon of Iowa came out on top in the 2011 NOWRA National Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe, held Saturday, March 5, at the Pumper Show in Louisville, KY. Casey beat 10 other tough competitors in the finals, earning the title of 2011 National Roe-D-Hoe Champion and the \$1,000 first prize. As the winner of the IOWWA Roe-D-Hoe competition held in January, Casey was automatically entered in the finals. The ten other finalists won the right to compete in the finals by having the 10 best scores out of the nearly 200 competitors who tried their luck during the open competition held the previous two days. Josh Reading of Illinois finished second, winning \$400, and Tim Boswell of West Virginia took home third place and a \$100 award. See more [pictures from the Roe-D-Hoe here](#).

NOWRA captured most of the finals on video, and you can watch it on [YouTube](#). You can also watch a short video showing the booths of NOWRA's BBP partners exhibiting at the Pumper Show.

The 2011 NOWRA National Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe sponsors included Jet, Inc., Bio-Microbics, Inc., Infiltrator Systems, Inc., Norweco, and Presby Environmental, Inc. NOWRA is also grateful to IHI for supplying the three electric backhoes used in the competition, and wishes to thank COLE Publishing and the Pumper Show for providing exhibit space, show services and marketing support for this event. Details on the Pumper Show can be found [here](#)

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NOWRA 2011 Election

Five seats on the NOWRA Board of Directors will be up for election in the 2011 election. The seats include positions designated for Site Evaluator/Soil Scientist/Designer/Engineer, Supplier/Vendor, Academic/Researcher, Operators/Manager/Maintenance-Service Provider and Compliance Monitor/Regulator. Each board member elected serves a 3-year term which begins December 1, 2011 and ends November 30, 2014. Members will receive ballots in late August, and voting will be held September 1 – October 31, 2011.

If you are interested in running for one of the open spots, please call us at 800-966-2942, or email NOWRA at info@nowra.org.

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2011 Northeast Water Science Forum to be held April 28- 29, 2011 in Portland, Maine

NEIWPCCC -- the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission -- will hold a conference at the end of this month to provide a forum for sharing the latest in high-quality, timely, and relevant scientific information and research on pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCP) in the water environment in order to help Northeast states make informed decisions regarding their policy and management. This conference will build on the successes of the 2007 Northeast Water Science Forum that examined the state of PPCP science and research.

The Northeast states have identified contaminants of emerging concern, specifically PPCPs, as a cross-programmatic research priority touching on issues of occurrence, fate, human and ecological health effects, and wastewater and drinking water treatment. PPCPs comprise a vast group of compounds manufactured in large quantities that are frequently used by humans (and domesticated animals) worldwide. The 2011 Northeast Water Science Forum looks to advance the interpretation and application of the science into policy and regulations, risk assessments, green chemistry movements, as well as identifying future research needs.

Conference information, agenda, and registration information is available at the [NEIWPCCC web site](#).

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NESC Offers Free Public Service Announcements to Aid Community Water Quality Efforts

The National Environmental Services Center (NESC) has three video public service announcements (PSAs) about the importance of septic system maintenance for community water quality. The PSAs reflect NESC's ongoing commitment to effective wastewater treatment and source water protection, and are available for communities and watershed groups to use for free.

Presented in a humorous light, each video drives home the message that homeowners are responsible for safe guarding our drinking water through proper septic tank operation and maintenance.

NESC encourages communities to use these brief PSAs as part of a public awareness campaign to protect source water. View and download the videos by visiting [NOWRA's Facebook page](#) or by visiting the [NESC website](#).

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News From Around the Nation

Florida: Legislation to repeal Florida's septic tank inspection law (which was passed in 2010) has passed the FL House by a vote of 110-3, and will now go on to the Senate for consideration [More:](#)

Maryland: Septic ban fails; study to be undertaken. Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley's proposal to ban individual septic tanks for subdivisions larger than five homes failed to make it through the 2011 Maryland legislative session. Instead, a study of the issue of septic systems and their impact on the Chesapeake Bay will take place in the coming months. [More:](#)

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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