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"This Isn't Your Father's Onsite System." NOWRA's 2012 Annual Conference Highlights New Opportunities for the Industry

NOWRA's recently concluded 2012 Annual Technical Education Conference put a spotlight on the diverse ways our industry's technologies are being applied to address the challenges facing our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure. [More](#)

Charles Webb Takes Home Crown as 2012 NOWRA National Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe® Champ



Following an extremely competitive final round, Charles Webb of Delaware emerged as the 2012 NOWRA National Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe® champion. The event, which was held February 28-March 1 at the 2012 Pumper & Cleaner Expo in Indianapolis, IN, is an annual contest to identify the nation's best backhoe operators.

Webb hails from Delaware and won the Delaware Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association's (DOWRA) Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe® competition held October, 2011. For his efforts Webb took home the \$1,000 first prize along with a (somewhat smaller) replica of the belt buckle he is shown wearing in the photo at left. [More](#)

Jet and Bio-Microbics Receive "E" Awards for Their Export Success

Two of NOWRA's Business Partners were honored recently at a White House ceremony for their outstanding achievement in increasing U.S. exports. U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson presented both Bio-Microbics, Inc. and

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Septic Locator

NOWRA's [Septic Locator](#) will connect you with a wastewater professional in your area.

NOWRA's 2012 Gold Business Benefit Program Partners

- [Bio-Microbics, Inc](#)
913-422-0707
- [Infiltrator Systems, Inc.](#)
860-577-7106
- [Rid-X® Septic System Treatment](#)
973-404-2628
- [Onsite Installer Magazine](#)
800-994-7990

Jet, Inc., with the prestigious President's "E" Award for Exports. The companies were among just 41 selected nation-wide for the award. [Details on Bio-Microbics award](#). [Details on Jet award](#)

[PPG Accu-Tab Wastewater Tablets](#)
800-245-2974
[Geomatrix, LLC](#)
860-510-0730
[Presby Environmental](#)
800-473-5298

Lessons Learned -- Spalled Riser Lids

Industry professionals need to be aware of the types of risks they face in their day-to-day activities and how they can protect themselves and their businesses in case something really bad happens. In this first installment of an occasional series on risk management, we discuss how an inspector's failure to properly notify a homeowner about a dangerously spalled riser lid could result a huge liability if tragedy occurs. This article is provided by Alteris, which is the endorsed NOWRA provider of the SeptiCover Errors and Omissions Insurance for Designers and Inspectors

[Read the article](#)

Virginia Tech Launches Water Infrastructure Database Website

Virginia Tech has launched a new website known as [WATERiD](#) -- short for Water Infrastructure Database. The new website will track a number of types of information, including:

- Pipeline Condition Assessment TechnologiesTechnology,
- Product and Service Providers information
- Case Studies and Problems
- Utility Hub Pages - giving info about individual utilities
- Renewal Engineering- gives wide range of repair/rehabilitation/replacement techniques and
- Asset Management

There is no cost to access the database.

Hanlon to Retire from EPA Office of Wastewater Management

Jim Hanlon, the EPA Director of the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM), has announced his retirement from EPA, effective June 1. Hanlon has been in his current position for ten years, capping a 40-year career at EPA. Mr. Randy Hill, currently the Deputy Director of the Office of Wastewater Management, has been designated Acting OWM Director. Recruitment of a new Director has begun, and EPA hopes to fill this important position as soon as possible.

Oregon Approves Gray Water Use

The Clean Water America Alliance reports that the water-rich state of Oregon has approved be allowing permits for businesses and residents to reuse gray water. The permits will be issued by Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality. [Read the article.](#)

Upcoming Events

New Concepts for Rural, Urban and Suburban Water Reuse Using Distributed Systems

May 29, 2012

Online webinar sponsored by Wastewater Education 501(c)3

[Details](#)

WEF Collection Systems 2012

June 3-6, 2012

St. Louis, MO

[Details](#)

NEHA's 76th Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition

June 27-30, 2012

San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

[Details](#)

14th Annual State Onsite Regulators Alliance and Captains of Industry (SORA/COI-©) Conference

June 27-30, 2012

San Diego, CA

[Details](#)

FOWA 2012 Annual Convention & Trade Show

August 2-4, 2012

Daytona Beach, FL

[Details](#)

About NOWRA

NOWRA is the only national organization which represents all segments of the onsite wastewater industry. For more information or to join, visit www.nowra.org or call 800-966-2942.

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