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Thank you to all who contributed stories and ideas. This member communication belongs to each of us, so keep the news and ideas coming.

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WEF Partnership News-Tom Groves

The NOWRA Executive Committee is pleased to announce a planned strategic partnership with the Water Environment Association (WEF), one of our US EPA MOU Partner organizations. Details will be finalized in the next few months. Below are some of the preliminary details of our discussions as we work with our Affiliate organizations to finalize this relationship. Watch for more details in the next few issues of E-News.

- Recently, representatives from WEF and NOWRA met to discuss possible opportunities to leverage combined resources to support our common missions and to better meet technical and educational needs related to decentralized systems and onsite treatment options. Areas of mutual interest that were discussed included green technologies and integrated water resource management approaches.
- During the next two months, WEF and NOWRA will continue to evaluate benefits and practical considerations related to the proposed partnership including the potential for the development of joint products. At the same time the leadership of NOWRA will

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work with its affiliates to discuss the possibility of partnering with WEF to support service development.

- WEF and NOWRA desire to leverage their resources to develop products for their members and the public in the areas of green technologies and holistic strategies for wastewater and stormwater treatment and recycling.
- WEF and NOWRA will bring these issues to their respective boards with a goal to define the nature of their future partnership by the beginning of January 2010.

Cities of the Future 2010

Will be held from March 7-10, 2010 in Boston, MA at the Boston Marriott Cambridge. The Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association are sponsoring this event. NOWRA is pleased to support the event as a cooperating organization. Population growth, social inequity, economic turmoil, climate change, water shortages and environmental degradation are placing unprecedented stress on infrastructure and ecosystems while at the same time technological advances, volunteerism and citizens of sustainability offer promise for the future.

Cities of the Future will connect energy-efficient engineered infrastructure with green, water-centric landscapes to protect and conserve water resources, reduce energy intensity and associated carbon footprints, and improve economic vitality and quality of life. This paradigm shift, for newly created eco-cities 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.

This conference will bring together engineers, urban planners, sociologists, urban ecologists, architects, landscape architects, developers, transportation engineers, economists, political scientists, city managers and public officials who share a vision and a desire to work on approaches that will make Cities of the Future a reality.

To learn more about this conference, please visit: <http://www.wef.org/CitiesoftheFuture/>

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Stop by NOWRA booth at WEFTEC!

Stop by NOWRA booth at WEFTEC show (booth #4990) in US EPA MOU Partner alley.

Show your support for the organization and sign up at WEFTEC to join a NOWRA committee! Our committees are always looking for fresh talent and new ideas. If you would like to dedicate some time to helping out, we encourage you to check out the NOWRA Committee page at

<http://www.nowra.org/committees.html>.

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Board approves revised BBP for 2010 - Greg Graves

Dear **NOWRA Business Benefit Program (BBP) Partners:**

For those who are current and future BBP members of NOWRA, just a quick note to update you all about the Board of Directors conference held on 09/15/09. The Board has reviewed the BBP recommendations and the dues structure for 2010.

BBP pricing for 2010 will include a 10% early payment discount

- Gold: \$5,000 (\$4,500 if paid by Dec. 1, 2009)
- Silver: \$3,500 (\$3,150 if paid by Dec. 1, 2009)

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SILVER BUSINESS BENEFIT MEMBERS

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jscraver@aol.com

Wieser Concrete Products, Inc.
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419-668-4471
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- Bronze: \$2,000 (\$1,800 if paid by Dec. 1, 2009)
- Loyal Supporter: \$500

Benefits of the new 2010 programs will include free advertising in NOWRA published Onsite Journal publications, free press releases in the Onsite Journal, and preferential listing of Gold BBP members on NOWRA's web site and E-News communications.

Thank you all for your participation in this process! Hopefully we have done some good for NOWRA and for your respective companies. Watch for more details as NOWRA contacts all past and present BBP members about joining for 2010.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Gregory D. Graves
Finance Committee Chairman

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2010 Board of Directors Election

REMEMBER TO VOTE!
Exercise your member rights
The election is open until October 31st

The Board of Directors election ballot for the 2010/2012 term is available on the website (www.nowra.org). Go to 'About NOWRA' on the left side menu bar and click on 'Governance' to view the candidate profiles and download the ballot.

Print and either mail or fax your ballot to NOWRA no later than Midnight **October 31st**. Proof of NOWRA membership must be provided for your ballot to be counted.

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Reminder of Special Edition of Onsite Journal - *Tom Groves*

Look for a special edition of the Onsite Journal inside the **October** issue of Onsite Installer magazine. Special thanks to our partners at COLE Publishing, the current news articles and NOWRA information will be sent to COLE's ~20,000 readership list, as well as the NOWRA membership.

We draw on our extensive networks, experience, and resources to bring you mission-critical information to make your business a success.

Trying to remember about something you read in a NOWRA article? Did you know that past issues of NOWRA's Onsite Journal and e-News are available online? Issues of OSJ dating back to 2003 along with the e-News editions can be found under the 'Publications' tab at www.nowra.org.

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Mark Your Calendar for the ! Installer Academy & Roe-D-Hoe

Feb 22 & 23, 2010

NOWRA's Annual "Installer Academy"

If you are looking for jam up, highly concentrated, professionally written and delivered training course. Look no longer. The NOWRA "**Installer Academy**" is coming to Louisville, Kentucky. Held in conjunction with the spectacular annual "**Pumper Show**" it will prove to be one of the best investments in time and money any contractor can make.

Two full days of training including topics you have requested. The classes have been prepared and will be presented by the Consortium of Institutes for Decentralized Wastewater Treatment (CIDWT). NOWRA and the CIDWT have come together working with the folks at the Pumper Show to bring you the best event to date.

Along with the classes presented at the "**Installer Academy**" you will have the opportunity to visit "**vendor training rooms**" where you can sit down one on one with the representatives from the factories. Nothing like getting information from the horse's mouth.

Brush up on your operators skills and compete in the annual NOWRA National Backhoe Roe-De-Hoe. Sure we will award the coveted first place belt buckle but how about \$1,000.00 to go along with it? Attending the "**Installer Academy**" will get you one **free** shot at the grand prize. Too nervous the first time? Don't worry it is only \$25.00 for another chance.

It is not just the "Pumper Show" any longer. Industry professionals like you will be viewing all the latest in pumping technology and vendors from the onsite wastewater industry. Don't miss this one.....Your competitor won't

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Joint Conference with NEHA and SORA-Craig Gilbertson

Mark your calendars for June 2011! NOWRA is joining with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and State Onsite Regulators Alliance (SORA) for an annual joint educational wastewater conference in Columbus, Ohio. This "super" conference will combine wastewater experts and interests from all three organizations.

Last summer NEHA and SORA held combined wastewater sessions in at this year's NEHA conference with much success.

While the Conference is in the initial planning stages, expect more information to follow and will keep you updated on the progress.

If you are interested in being a part of the conference planning committee contact Craig Gilbertson at gilbertsonc@ayresassociates.com.

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Update Your Septic Locator Info Now

Septic Locator is the premier site for people looking for onsite services and as a member of NOWRA, your company listing is free. We even have ways to upgrade your membership, making this the best advertising vehicle for you and your company.

Take a minute and check your information by visiting www.septiclocator.org.

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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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