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## Voting Opens for NOWRA 2012-2015 Board of Director Elections

Voting is open for NOWRA's 2012 -2015 Board of Director Elections. There are three open seats on the NOWRA Board. In the Installer Sector category, the candidate is Robert D. Himschoot, President of Crews Environmental in Florida. In the Service Provider Sector category, the candidates are Bob Conrad of Mid-South Engineering of Tennessee and Dave Ritchie of Zaring Septic and Drain Service of Kentucky. In the Regulatory Compliance/Inspector category, the candidate is Jim Vincent of the New Mexico Environment Department. You can [read each candidate's statement by clicking here.](#)

To vote in the election, [click here for a ballot.](#) Only NOWRA members in good standing for 2012 are eligible to vote. Call NOWRA at 800-966-2942 if you need your membership number or membership status.FOWA Re-Affiliates with NOWRA

## EPA Decentralized MOU Partnership to Release Fact Sheets Highlighting the Benefits of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems

The EPA Decentralized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Partnership has developed a series of four fact sheets that highlight how decentralized wastewater treatment systems can be sustainable and appropriate options for communities and homeowners. NOWRA has been deeply involved in the development of these documents, which are expected to be released next week.

The fact sheets are intended to provide information to the public and to

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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](#)  
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800-994-7990

state, local, and industry officials on the benefits and types of decentralized wastewater treatment systems. Each fact sheet focuses on one of four topic areas, demonstrating how decentralized wastewater treatment can be: (1) a sensible solution; (2) cost-effective and economical; (3) green and sustainable; and (4) protective of the environment, public health, and water quality.

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

## **NOWRA Affiliates Are Eligible to Participate in WEFTEC 2012 Leadership Training**

As part of NOWRA's partnership with the Water Environment Federation, Volunteer leaders from any of NOWRA's state affiliates are eligible to attend and participate in WEFTEC 2012 Leadership Day. Registration is free for NOWRA members. Full program details are still pending, but you learn more by [visiting here](#).

## **September 11, 2012 is National Protect Your Groundwater Day**



The National Ground Water Association has named September 11 as National Protect Your Groundwater Day to bring attention to actionable steps that every person is able to take to protect groundwater supplies and to conserve water usage. Among the

steps it advises is to encourage homeowners to ensure that their onsite systems are functioning properly and being well-maintained. More information can be found by [visiting their webpage](#).

## **Upcoming Free Webinars**

### **Sept 11-13 *Advanced Regulator Training in Subsurface Drip Dispersal***

Wastewater Education will be hosting a 3 part, in depth training course on Subsurface Drip Dispersal principally for Regulators, Designers and Installers. Topics to be covered are: How to review a site plan using SDD; How to inspect a site during construction. How to evaluate an Operation and Maintenance Plan. The sessions are free to regulators; engineers are asked to pay a modest registration fee. [For details and registration information, click here.](#)

### **Sept 18 *Research and Tools for Decentralized Systems from WERF and the DWRC***

Communities have found that decentralized approaches offer an affordable, sustainable solution that provides many additional economic, social, and environmental benefits. Many resources are available to help guide communities through the entire process, from decision-making to design and performance to system management. Much of this work is the result of a \$16 million, multiyear collaborative effort by the Decentralized Water Resources Collaborative (DWRC) and the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) under a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). This webinar will showcase the research and tools of WERF and the DWRC. [To reserve your seat, click here to register.](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **WEFTEC 2012**

September 30-October 3, 2012

New Orleans, LA

[Details](#)

### **VOWRA Fall Conference & Trade Show**

October 7-9, 2012  
Williamsburg, VA  
[Details](#)

**DOWRA Annual Technical Conference**  
October 15-16, 2012  
Dover, DE  
[Details](#)

**MOWPA 2012 Annual Conference**  
November 5, 2012  
Annapolis, MD  
[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](http://www.nowra.org) or call 800-966-2942.

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