

**responsible management entity (RME)**

1. Person or organization that administers and conducts a comprehensive set of activities recognized by the regulatory authority; 2. Legal entity that has the managerial, financial, and technical capacity to ensure the long-term, cost-effective operation, maintenance and monitoring of onsite and/or cluster wastewater treatment systems in accordance with applicable regulations and performance requirements (e.g., a wastewater utility or wastewater management district).