



**Partnering Agreement Between
The National Environmental Health Association
and the
National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, U.S.A.**

It is understood that:

Achieving water quality protection through improved technical standards of practice in developing solutions for the unsewered wastewater infrastructure, that further enables access to safe drinking water supplies is one of the most important actions to be taken towards improving public health and well-being anywhere in the world.

These values are the foundation of NOWRA's Strategic Framework

To "achieve sustainable development while protecting human health and environmental quality."

At the same time, the education in the ways of practices and solutions for existing and future users of these systems, as well as planning, public health, and regulatory policy and elected officials; the building, realty and financial industries; environmental and business groups, as well as the general public is equally critical.

It is recognized that the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association is one of the leading organizations within the United States through which environmental health professionals can upgrade their knowledge and training of the onsite and decentralized wastewater industry and increase their capacity to better manage and develop their water resources; and that

The values and mission of the National Environmental Health Association are also directed towards mutual educational goals that address ongoing improvements and scientific and technological advancements for the development of methods for the protection and management of surface and groundwater resources and the environment.

Therefore, because the National Environmental Health Association and the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association each serve mutual water quality protection interests, it is agreed that the best interests of both organizations will be facilitated by:

- Improved understanding and long-term mutual objectives;
- Sustained contacts among ground water professionals; and by
- Sustained contacts among leaders and staff of both organizations.

In supporting these mutual best interests, the National Environmental Health Association and the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association U.S.A. hereby agree to a cooperative partnering relationship by fulfilling activities.

1. The sharing of information on technical and scientific matters, as produced by committees or interest groups of both organizations shall be pursued on a regular basis, with all exchanges and mutual comments on draft documents facilitated through NOWRA's Technical Practices Committee.
2. Both organizations shall endeavor to work jointly on the production of technical documents intended for users, with the shared objective of creating national understanding of onsite system wastewater science, technology and policy. Publication and distribution of policy and technical documents relating to onsite wastewater treatment systems shall be accomplished through the policy review standards of NOWRA's Technical Practices Committee.
3. Both organizations recognize the importance of ensuring that Environmental Health professionals have sufficient understanding of onsite system design and operation, and agree to work jointly to provide education and training programs about onsite wastewater treatment for Environmental Health professionals which leverages NOWRA's expertise in this area.
4. Both organizations agree to provide on a reciprocal basis: cross promotion of related events and education, a link between respective websites, and participation in joint conferences and training sessions to further enable the communication and education goals to be achieved.
5. Both organizations agree to provide reciprocal complimentary registrations to each other's conference for both the President and Executive Directors, or their designated alternative. Additionally, when and where possible, will work together to refer speakers and exhibitors to each other's Annual Education Conference/Mega Conference.
6. Regular communications shall be exchanged on other projects of mutual interest or benefit. Such exchanges could include subjects dealing with joint research and development, education and training, matters of trade, or relating business development.
7. The Presidents, and/or their designated representatives of the National Environmental Health Association and the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, U.S.A. through the office of the NEHA and NOWRA Executive Directors shall maintain regular communication and be responsible for the successful implementation of this agreement.
8. Officials of the National Environmental Health Association and the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association shall make this resolution widely known, to all U.S. regions and in applicable areas of the world.



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Signed by the Executive Directors of the
National Environmental Health Association
National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association
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