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Letter from the President

by Jim Remmenga

Another summer has come and gone. Hopefully all of you have had a productive and profitable year.

Of course with winter approaching it is time to start thinking about the 2024 trade show and convention. The dates this year are February 13, 14 and 15 in Kearney. It is always great seeing old friends and talking about the last years experiences. It is also a great way to get your continuing education credits in just a couple days.

I would also like to thank you for giving me the privilege to serve on this board. The experience has been very rewarding to me and I really appreciate it. With that said I hope that some of you would consider volunteering to serve at some point. Without a solid board of directors our association will begin to fail and the many beneficial programs it provides will fail along with it.

I look forward to seeing you all in February, and Happy Holidays!

Stay Safe,
Jim Remmenga



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NOWWA Welcomes Dr Sara Heger

To the 2024 Nebraska Water Industries Annual Convention and Trade Show.

Dr. Sara Heger is a researcher and instructor at the University of Minnesota in the Onsite Sewage Treatment Program where she is faculty in the Water Resources Science program, teaching Sustainable Waste Management Engineering. For over 20 years, she has been conducting research and providing education and technical assistance to homeowners, small communities, onsite professionals, and local units of government regarding decentralized onsite wastewater treatment. Sara coordinates the research program at the U of MN with current projects evaluating contaminants of emerging concern and the addition of biochar and iron-enhanced sand into septic systems. She regularly provides training across the US and Canada and contributes regularly to the Onsite Installer and Pumper providing technical information regarding the science of wastewater treatment including design, installation, and management. Sara is the past president of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, serves on the NSF International Committee on Wastewater Treatment Systems, and chairs Minnesota's SSTS Advisory Committee. She has a BS in Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering and an MS and Ph.D. in Water Resource Science.

Dr Heger will be presenting three different classes on the 15th of February in the On-Site Track at the convention. The three topics will be as follows:

CEC: Sources and Treatment in Septic System 8am – 9 am

Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC) are new contaminants being found in wastewater, surface water, and drinking water including pharmaceuticals, endocrine-disrupting compounds, flame retardants, and pesticides. Over the last 4 years, the UMN has been gathering data on wastewater and septage characteristics from a range of facilities and monitoring for typical characteristics including organics (BOD and TSS), nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorous), and CEC. The results from the range of facilities will be highlighted. Results will also be presented from a greenhouse study to evaluate how CEC in septage being land applied may impact water, soil, and the crop.

Design and Management for Challenging Wastewater Sources 9am -10am

Numerous strategies for dealing with challenging wastewater will be discussed. This will include oversizing the soil treatment area, including advanced pretreatment, increasing management, and usage education. Recommendations will be provided for those that are at risk of being challenging such as using larger perforations in pressure design or installation of a commercial-sized effluent screen. Source segregation and flow equalization will also be discussed to either reduce the load or spread the load out more evenly. Management of fat, oil, and grease through practices and grease traps needs to be addressed in any system with elevated levels. Recirculation and the addition of oxygen in an advanced system may be needed to deal with high organics and nitrogen. Strategies to work with system owners will also be discussed and case studies provided.

Installation Keys for Long-Term System Performance 2pm – 3pm

Proper installation techniques, materials, and equipment must be used during the construction of onsite wastewater treatment systems to help ensure adequate treatment and acceptance of the wastewater. Installation techniques and selection of equipment are based on maintaining the natural soil conditions of the site while installing a system at the proper depth and elevations. Proper material selection ensures that the installed materials will function as intended by properly distributing, treating, and accepting effluent.



The NWDA welcomes Dr. William Alley to the 2024 Nebraska Water Industries Annual Convention and Trade Show.

Dr. William (Bill) Alley is Director of Science and Technology for the National Ground Water Association. Previously, he served as Chief, Office of Groundwater for the U.S. Geological Survey for almost two decades. Among other awards, he received the USGS Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Communication and the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award. Dr. Alley has published over 100 scientific publications and co-authored several general interest environmental science books with his wife, Rosemarie; most recently, *The Water Recycling Revolution: Tapping into the Future*.

Dr Alley will be presenting "The Water Recycling Revolution" from 11:30am to 12:30 pm on February 13th

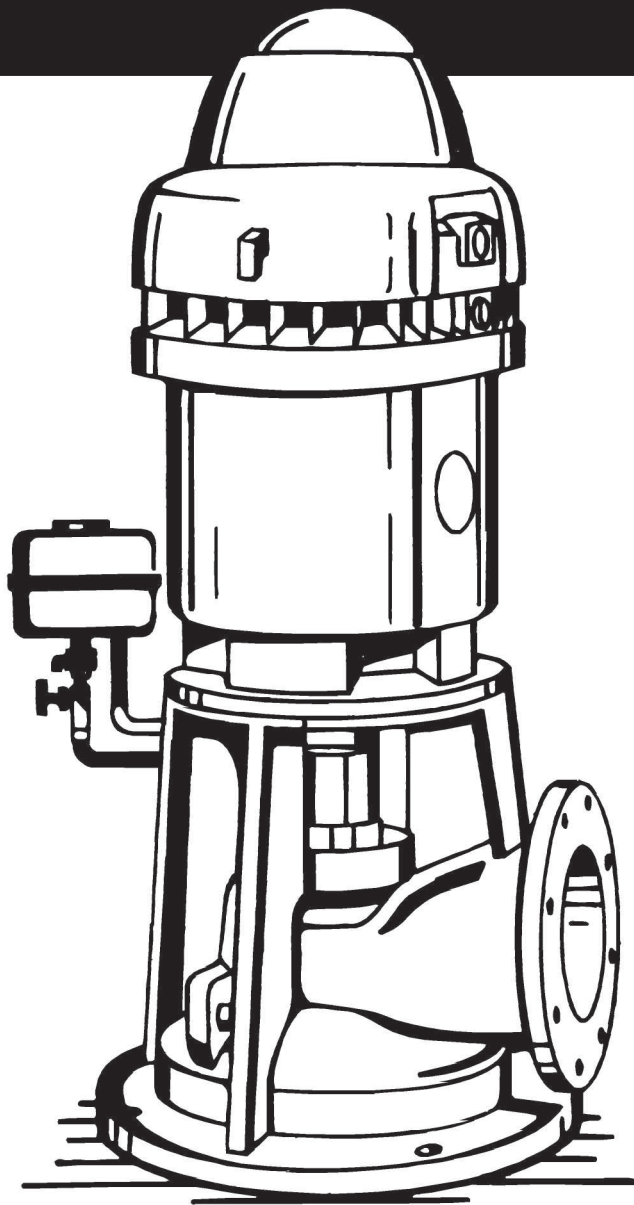
Reuse of wastewater has the potential to significantly increase the nation's available water resources. Treated wastewater can provide a safe drinking water supply that is renewable, locally controlled, drought resistant, and good for the environment. The *Water Recycling Revolution* tells the story behind this rapidly emerging technology, the challenges, and its prospects to meet future water needs.

Bring your non licensed/certified employees to the convention Tradeshow for free.

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Every year we get asked if contractors can bring their employees to the trade show. This year we invite them to attend the trade show for free. They may also sit in classes if they are interested. Lunch tickets must still be purchased and no CEU Hours/PDH hours will be given to those who come for free.

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for all the latest information
relating to the Annual Convention
and other upcoming Association
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REGISTRATION FORM

Nebraska Well Drillers Association and Nebraska On-Site Waste Water Association 91st Annual Convention Younes Convention Center, Kearney, NE February 13-14-15, 2024

STEP 1- COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

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STEP 2- SELECT REGISTRATION TYPE

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☐ NWDA/NOWWA Member \$250.00 \$320.00 \$ _____

☐ Non-Member \$300.00 \$380.00 \$ _____

ADDITIONAL EVENT FEES

☐ Lunch Ticket Tuesday (\$15 x # _____ Needed) \$ _____

☐ Lunch Ticket Wednesday (\$15 x # _____ Needed) \$ _____

☐ Lunch Ticket Thursday (\$15 x # _____ Needed) \$ _____

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Registration Amount Due \$ _____ + Additional Event Fees Due \$ _____ = GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

STEP 3- COMPLETE PAYMENT SECTION

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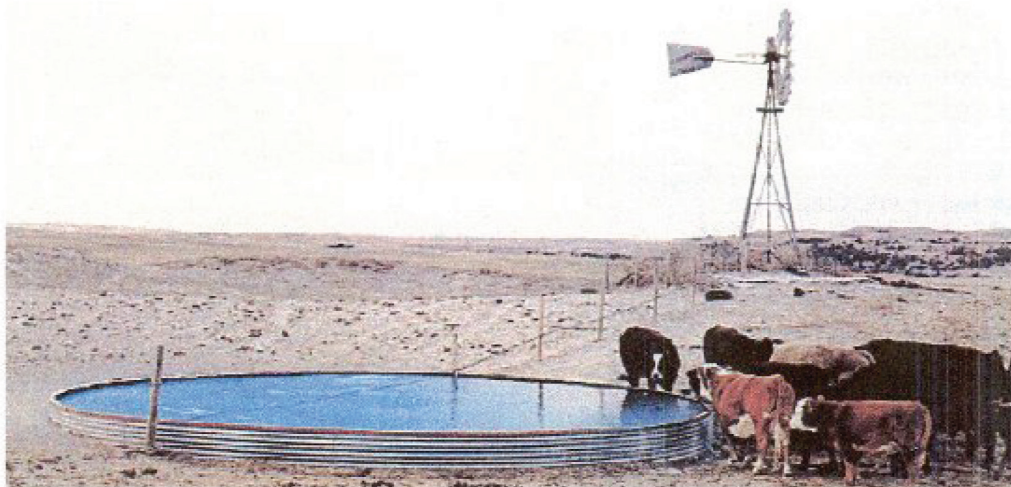
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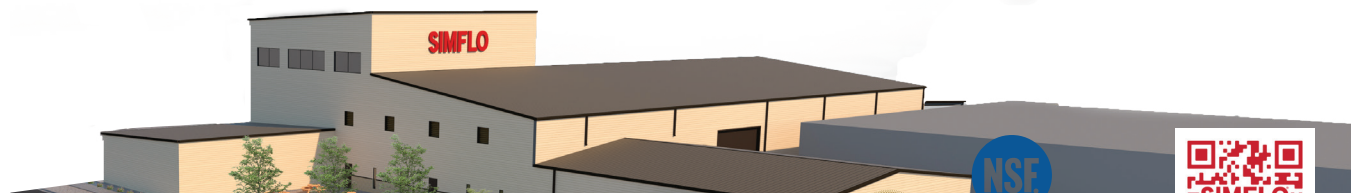
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February 13, 2024

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MONDAY				
February 12	Bronze 2	Bronze 4	Bronze 3	Bronze 1
10 a.m.			NOWWA Board Meeting	
Noon				
1:00 p.m.	OWWC Board Meeting	Well Drillers License Board Meeting		
1:30 p.m.				Onsite License Exam Tutorial
2:00 p.m.				
2:30 p.m.				Onsite License Exam
4:00 p.m.				
4:30 p.m.				
5:00 p.m.				
5:30 p.m.				

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13		TRACK I Gold 11 & 12 (Water Well CEUs) 1 Hour each Class	TRACK II Gold 10 (Onsite PDHs) 1 Hour each Class	TRACK III Gold 5 & 6 (Water Well CEUs & Onsite PDHs) 1 Hour each Class
8:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION (REGISTRATION 2)			
9:00 a.m.		Well Registrations– Mike Thompson, NDNR	Small Yards and Where to Put Drain fields- Jason Kubik, Southwick Liquid Waste; Dana Peterson, Frontwater Engineering	Locating Septic and Water Well– Dana Peterson—Frontwater Engineering
10:00 a.m.	BREAK (Either Silver Ballroom or Pre-Function)			
10:30 a.m.		Well Development– Tom Christopherson, Groundwater Solutions	State of the State– Alan Aanerud, NDEE	Occurrence of Common Groundwater Contaminants in Domestic Wells and Options for Treatment– Jeffrey Westrop, UNL CSD
11:30 a.m.		Water Recycling Revolution– Tapping into the Future– Bill Alley, Ph.D. NGWA Director of Science and Technology	Soil Perc– Nate Hartman, LLH	Basic Soils—Judy Turk, UNL CSD
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH (Ticket Required) — Gold 3, 4,9 & 10			
1:30 p.m.		“Fishing Stories”- Cody Christensen and Carly Christensen, Christensen Drilling; Brent Downey, Downey Drilling	Advisory Board Q&A—Alan Aanerud, NDEE; Dana Peterson, Frontwater Engineering, and Dennis Walsh, Siouxland Well	<i>Q&A NDEE Well Drillers– David Miesbach, NDEE</i>
2:30 p.m.		Well Decommission– Tom Downey, Downey Well Drilling	Land Application– Jason Kubick, Southwick Liquid Waste	Homeowner Education Part 1– Becky Schuerman, UNL Extension
3:30 p.m.	BREAK (Either Silver Ballroom or Pre-Function)			
4:00 p.m.		Common Issues Found During Inspections– Dan Eglund, Mark Graf, and Tim Sizer, NDEE Water Well Standards Inspection Team	Title 124 and How to Interpret it– Dana Peterson, Frontwater Engineering	Homeowner Education Part 2– Becky Schuerman, UNL Extension
5:00 p.m.	ADJOURN - NO ORGANIZED SOCIAL EVENT			

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14	TRACK I Gold 11-12 (Water Well CEUs) 1 Hour each Class	TRACK II Platinum 5 (Onsite PDHs) 1 Hour each Class	TRACK III Gold 5-6 (Water Well CEUs & Onsite PDHs) 1 Hour each Class	Track IV Gold 4 (NSIA) No CEU or PDH
8:00 a.m.	Advantage of Control Switch at the Well– Steve Anderson, Merrill MFG	Lincoln City Waste Water– Scott Defrogge, Lincoln Waste Water	Diggers Hotline Update Pt 1– Jill Geyer, Nebraska811 Outreach and Education Coordinator	Topic TBD
9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooting Solar Pumps– Clint Tyler– Lorentz	Issues and Experiences Roundtable– Jason Kubik, Southwick, Liquid Waste; Dennis Walsh, Siouxland, Well	Diggers Hotline Update Pt 2– Jill Geyer, Nebraska811 Outreach and Education Coordinator	Topic TBD
10:00 a.m.	OPENING OF EXHIBIT HALL WELCOME BY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS SILVER BALLROOM			
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH (Ticket Required) — GOLD 3,4,9 & 10			
1:00 p.m.	NWDA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING — Bronze 3			
1:30 p.m.	EXHIBIT HALL CONTINUES CLOSES AT 4:00 P.M. SILVER BALLROOM			
4:00 p.m.	Fluids/Mud/Foam– Bill Rhoads and Jay Roberts, Baroid	Onsite Wastewater Safety!– Rick Kirkpatrick and Curtis Cluckey, Infiltrator	Q&A NDEE Waste Water– Alan Aanerud, NDEE	Topic TBD
5:00 p.m.	WORKSHOPS CONCLUDE GOLD 3,4,9 & 10			

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15		TRACK I Gold 11-12 (Water Well CEUs) 1 Hour each Class	TRACK II Platinum 5 (Onsite PDHs) 1 Hour each Class	TRACK III Gold 5-6 (Water Well CEUs & Onsite PDHs) 1 Hour each Class
7:00 a.m.	NWDA Executive Board Meeting — BRONZE 3			
8:00 a.m.		Virsa Drill– Marcus X. Laibe, President of Laibe Corporation ; Tom Downey, Downey Drilling	CEC: Sources and Treatment in Sep- tic Systems– Sara Heger, University of Minnesota	Meaningful Communications Between Professional and Regu- lators– Dam Egeland and Tricia Scott, NDEE
9:00 a.m.		The Water Systems Council Sec- ond Annual State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report– Steve Anderson, Merrill MFG	Design and Management for Chal- lenging Wastewater Sources– Sara Heger, University of Minnesota	Insurance 101– Matt Greenway, FNIC
9:00 a.m.	EXHIBIT HALL OPENS SILVER BALLROOM			
12:00 p.m.	EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES			
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH (Ticket Required) — GOLD 3,4,9 & 10			
12:30 p.m.	NOWWA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING Bronze 2			
2:00 p.m.		VFDs: Did You Know?- Jeremy McBride, VP Sales & Marketing, Phase Technologies	Installation Keys for Long-Term System Performance– Sara Heger, University of Minnesota	AFSP Talk Saves Lives– Jason Orton, AFSP Nebraska Board Representative
3:00 p.m.	WORKSHOPS CONCLUDE			

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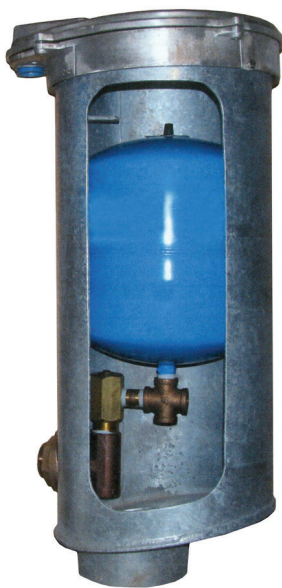
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Executive Director's Notes

by Lee Orton

2024 will be a year like no other! Everyone we talk to about business and workload suggest that next year promises to be a year to catch up and to continue to grow in the service of water wells and waste water systems. Work on protecting and improving existing systems...work on developing and installing new systems...work using new technologies available to construct a water well system or a new waste water technology. Developing new business opportunities continues to be important for your professional future as well.

All of those opportunities will be presented and be discussed among conference attendees in 2024. By attending the 2024 Annual Convention and Trade Show you will be adding to your professional skills and your knowledge and be getting the best available continuing education available to you as a Nebraska professional!

Local, state, and national experts will be available as presenters and also available during the outstanding trade show floor for the 2024 meeting. Do not miss this opportunity to share YOUR outstanding convention and trade show.

You, as one of the Nebraska water well and onsite waste water professionals, are among the best in the land. Keeping that honor will always be important and part of that success is the benefits gained by attending the Annual Convention and Trade Show. We plan to see all of you "regulars" who attend this meeting; and perhaps see some of you who have not attended in the past or recently! See the great new facilities and the great new and informative education and show exhibits. Go Big Red and Go Big Water Professionals! See you in Kearney on February 13-14-15!



NOWWA President's Report

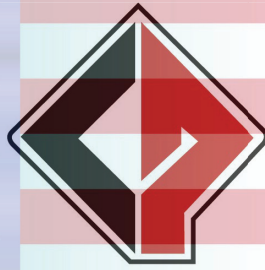
by Dennis Walsh

The year has gone by so fast, seems like we just started it. Trying to get caught up with all the work load is quite a challenge. We continue to make progress with NDEE but still have a way to go. We will be having a class from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in Track 2 on the NDEE Advisory Committee with representatives from NDEE as well as industry. Please come to this as this committee represents our industry on a State Level.

Please come to the convention and see and speak with your fellow contractors and your agency people. Day 3 we have a special treat. **Dr. SARAH HEGER** from the University of Minnesota, and a national speaker on Waste Water/Septic Systems will be teaching three classes! See schedule for times and topics. Also on day 3, please bring your employees to the show as they can come to the trade show and sit in on classes for free (They will not receive hours for attending and Lunch will still be charged for).

The Nebraska Water Industries Annual Convention will be February 13-15, in Kearney. We have put together a great set of classes for the convention. The convention will have one track specifically designed for those in the Waste Water Industry and one track designed for those who work in both the Water Well Drilling and Waste Water Industries. That track is the best investment you can make as you get a two for one deal. Hours for both industries for the price of one. 12 hours both tracks PLUS 2 hours for the Trade Show!

See you in Kearney!

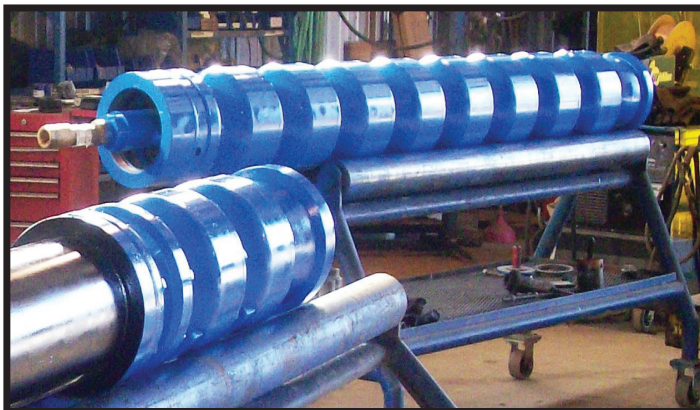
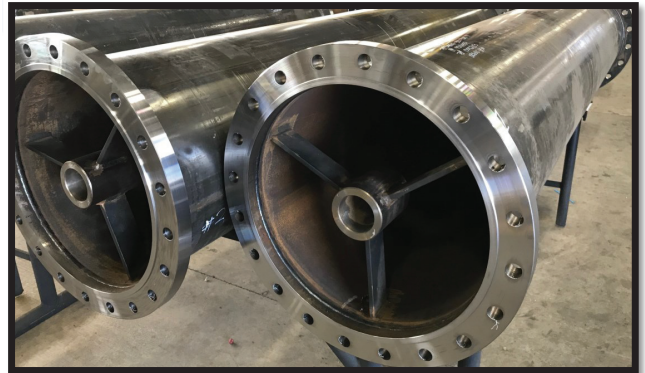


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- The Association keeps current on legislation and current issues of importance to the industry.
- The Association also works regularly with the state agencies who deal with on-site waste water issues to assure the collective Association's voice is heard.

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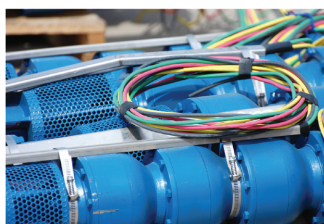
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