

AzOWRA Arizona Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association

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2010 Conference Postponed

It was disappointing but the 2010 Conference Committee recommended and the Board of Directors agreed that the 2010 conference should be postponed until 2011. The poor economic conditions, expense of the conference for attendees and exhibitors were the main considerations for the decision. A lot of work had been put forth in the planning- fortunately much of it can be put to use next year.

The Board of Directors and the committee would like to thank our exhibitors and Roe-D-Hoe sponsors who both agreed to attend the conference and supported the decision to cancel. Without that support this conference would not be able to take place.

The 2011 Conference will be held in Tucson during the first two weeks of June. Exact location and dates are still to be determined. The main theme of the conference will be Water Sustainability. We will get into what that means, how is it allowed to be implemented in Arizona and how you can get a piece of it. Anyone with ideas for the 2011 conference can contact [Suzanne Ehrlich](mailto:Suzanne.Ehrlich). Watch your email, AzOWRA.org and this newsletter for further details as they are decided.

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AzOWRA Meetings Calendar

The Phone Number for All Conference Calls is 800-771-2797 ext 5629

August 11, 2010

2011 Conference Committee Call 1 pm

August 16, 2010

Board of Directors Conference Call 1 pm

August 25, 2010

2011 Conference Committee Call 1 pm

September 8, 2010

2011 Conference Committee Call 1 pm

September 20, 2010

Board of Directors Conference Call 1 pm

September 22, 2010

2011 Conference Committee Call 1 pm

November 12, 2010

Annual Membership Meeting
TBD

June 2011

AzOWRA Educational Conference
Tucson, Arizona
<http://azowra.org/>

Questions, comments or to remove your name from our mailing list, please contact suzanne.ehrlich@co.yavapai.az.us

Meet Kathy Mills- AzOWRA Secretary



Born in Tucson, Kathy has over 18 years of experience in engineering and wastewater since graduating from the University of Arizona with a M.S. in Civil Engineering (1991). The first 3 years after graduation she worked for government agencies in three different parts of the state: Pima Association of Governments (PAG) in Tucson, ADEQ

in Phoenix, and the Indian Health Service in Winslow. In 1995, she started working for consultants designing water and wastewater projects. She stepped out on her own in 2006 when she started Mills Engineering, LLC. Kathy is an active member of AZ Water and chaired the AZ Water 2010 Conference Technical Committee. She also leads a bike ride once a month for the Phoenix Metro Bicycle Club and is serving her second year as Secretary for AzOWRA.

Report of the Last Board of Directors Meeting-July

Members are invited and encouraged to listen in on the Board of Director's Meetings. These are held via teleconference. The phone number for those outside the Prescott calling area is 1-800-771-2090 ask for extension 5629, inside the Prescott calling area dial 928-442-5629. Meetings last around 2 hours and many topics of interest to the organization are discussed.

Education: Homeowners Education committee is getting ramped up to present in Gila County

Membership: We have 24 members for the 2010 membership year representing interests in all aspects of the industry-installers, designers, real estate pros, educators, regulators, pumpers and more

Communication: New website address-azowra.org. Newsletter will be published on July 30. Advertising opportunities are available. Contact [Lou Brown](#).

Policy: A task force has been formed to write a letter to ADEQ offering our opinion on the wastewater rules for inclusion in the Governor's Regulator Rule Committee mandatory 5 year Review of the rules. If you have thoughts on this issue contact [Richard Bartholomew](#).

Annual Membership Dinner

The Annual Membership Dinner will be held on **November 12, 2010**. Location and time have not been determined. If you have a suggestion for a venue please contact [Suzanne Ehrlich](#). The membership dinner is a time for colleagues to spend a relaxed evening together. Mark this on your calendar, plan to attend, vote for the Board of Directors, engage fellow professionals in discussion of topics of interest.

Industry Calendar of Events

August 31, 2010

Wastewater Operator Training
Pinewood Clubhouse
Munds Park, AZ
Sponsored by AZ Water, ADHS,
ADEQ

<http://www.azwater.org/events/>

August 24-26, 2010

2nd Annual Water and
Wastewater Reuse for Clean,
Green, and Smart Rural and
Urban Communities
Greensboro, NC

<http://guest.event.com/>

August 27, 2010

International Decentralized
Water-Wastewater Reuse Think
Tank
Greensboro, NC

<http://guest.event.com/>

September 1, 2010

Wastewater Operator Training
AZ Dept of Health Services
State Laboratory
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Sponsored by AZ Water, ADHS,
ADEQ

<http://www.azwater.org/events/>

September 2, 2010

Wastewater Operator Training
Westside Police
Service Center
Tucson, AZ 85705

<http://www.azwater.org/events/>

September 16, 2010

AzFOG Association Meeting
Gateway Community College
9:00 AM
(Quarterly, third Thursday of the
month)

October 3-6, 2010

WEFTEC 2010
New Orleans, LA
www.weftec.org

October 25-27, 2010

NOWRA 19th Annual
Conference
Millennium Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
NOWRA.org



What is New at NOWRA

In May, NOWRA announced the hiring of the organization's Executive Director, Eric Casey, of Arlington, VA. Eric will be working in an office in the WEF Building in Alexandria, VA. He is an experienced manager and marketer for associations and trade groups, well versed in the needs of an organization such as NOWRA. Eric will start work June 1. To learn more about Eric please read the announcement in the May NOWRA *E-News*:

<http://www.nowra.org/enews/5.10.pdf>.

Executive Director, Eric Casey, can be reached by telephone at 800-966-2942 or via mobile phone at 571-242-2571. You can also email him at info@nowra.org or write him at NOWRA, 601 Wythe St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

AzOWRA Member Contributes to Article in Pumper Magazine

Dawn Long, American Septic Service in Sierra Vista, AZ has contributed to *Looking for Concrete Answers*, by Scottie Dayton, an article in the May 2010 issue of *Pumper Magazine* (<http://www.pumper.com/editorial/view/2818/Looking-for-Concrete-Answers>). The article explores why the concrete in some tanks and distribution boxes deteriorates. Answers to this problem are being sought by investigators in Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin among others.

Dawn and Don Long opened American Septic Service in Sierra Vista, AZ (<http://www.americansepticsevice.com/>) in 2001. They are dedicated septic pumpers and service providers. Dawn is an AzOWRA member and active Board member. Their company was spotlighted in *Pumper Magazine* 2006.



Photo courtesy of American Septic Services.

Membership in AzOWRA

Those of you who are members of AzOWRA have made a financial commitment to this organization which is whole heartedly appreciated. In order for AzOWRA to grow and become a strong organization it is time for some reflection as a group. AzOWRA needs the answers to the following questions:

- Why did you join AzOWRA?
 - Why do you continue to be a member?
 - Why do you renew you membership each year?
 - What do you want from AzOWRA?

Please email me your input at: suzanne.ehrlich@co.yavapai.az.us

AzOWRA Membership information: <http://www.azowra.org/Membership.html>

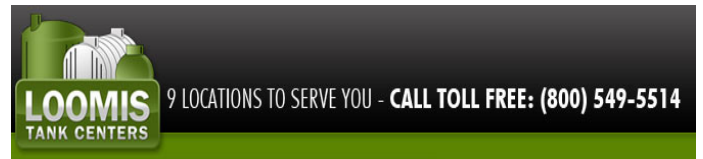
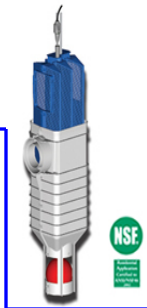
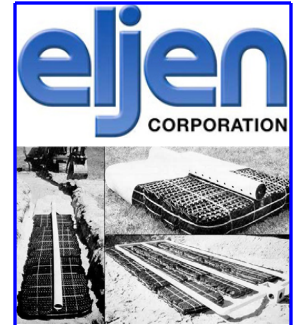
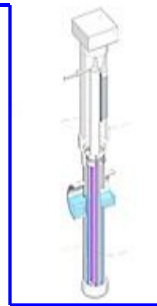
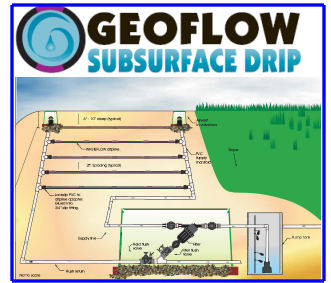
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