CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are pleased to announce that the 5th Northeast Onsite Wastewater Treatment Short Course and Equipment Exhibition will be held April 5 - 7, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Taunton, Massachusetts. This conference, which is hosted and coordinated by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) in partnership with its member states and US EPA, is offered approximately every three years (last held in Providence, RI in 2012). It has become a reputable forum for sharing information about onsite/decentralized wastewater issues and projects in this region, as well as featured research and case studies from all over the country. In 2016, the conference sessions will reflect the theme: “Onsite Sustainability: Moving Forward”

Onsite and decentralized wastewater treatment continues to experience advances in technology, field testing, and management. Community applications of these new technologies are changing the way we protect water resources and the environment. This year’s program will focus on onsite sustainability of systems less than 10,000 gpd for residential and commercial use, as well as the associated environmental impacts. As in years past, there will be a special session on “Onsite A to Z” for those individuals new to the field.

Conference attendees will include many of those in New England and New York State involved in onsite wastewater treatment, including state, federal, and municipal governments; private sector (i.e., installers, designers, service providers); technology manufacturers; academia; and watershed organizations.

For 2016, priority will be shown to abstracts that address technical, programmatic, and educational/outreach aspects of the following theme and topics.

- Technology/Technical – Test Center Performance, research, field results, remote monitoring, NSF, system installation techniques
- Management/Maintenance – Case Studies, GIS, RMEs, Web-based tracking
- Pollutant Removal and Environmental Impacts – Nutrient removal, process control, Cape Cod TMDLs
- Emerging Issues – Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products, water softeners, water use
- Sustainability – Life Cycle Costing, energy vs. treatment, system longevity

To Submit:
Individuals interested in presenting at the 2016 Northeast Onsite Wastewater Treatment Short Course should fill out the online form for submitting abstracts located at http://www.neiwpcc.org/onsiteshortcourse/ by November 1, 2015. The abstract submission must include the following:
1. Abstract topic – Technology, Management, Pollutant Removal, Emerging Issues, or Sustainability
2. Title of presentation
3. Format for presentation – poster presentation, 25 minute presentation, 50 minute presentation, or full session presentation (80 minutes).
4. Abstract – 300 word description of the proposed presentation
5. Name of all authors
6. Contact information for authors including organization name, email, telephone, mailing addresses
7. A short bio for the lead author/presenter

Applicants will be notified of the planning committee’s decision by December 1, 2015. Presentations are limited to: 25 minutes followed by 5 minutes for discussion, 50 minutes followed by 10 minutes for discussion, or 80 minutes followed by 10 minutes for discussion. All speakers will be required to register in advance for the conference and are eligible for a discounted registration fee.

For more information on the conference, please visit http://www.neiwpcc.org/onsiteshortcourse/ or contact Kristen Fitzpatrick, NEIWPCC at (978) 349-2524 or kfitzpatrick@neiwpcc.org