



# I.N.F.O. Industry News for Oregon



Hello from sunny Eugene, Oregon! Well, most everywhere is still sunny – it's October, right? I trust everyone is still busy doing their thing to work in the best industry there is! I always like this time of the year as everyone is scrambling to get their projects done before the weather hits.

There's the conferences are on the horizon. I'm excited to say that we're having a in-person Fall conference happening at Seaside Convention Center on November 4<sup>th</sup>! Have you seen the schedule for this? I urge you to check it out - pretty impressive with some great variety. There is also the option of attending virtually if you're so inclined and you better be ready for me to say HI to everyone I can to make up for the last 2 years.

On other topics, your Board of Directors has been trying to move ahead on certain topics while handling their busy day jobs. One of these is the Scholarship Fund where we are planning to award around \$11,000 to well deserved students. I'm thankful to the other committee members who put more time in than I to get this done. We also recently received notice on who will be receiving ARPA funds to repair septic systems damaged in wildfire recovery areas. These entities will then distribute the funds to eligible sites through their evaluation process. O2WA will continue to provide updates on this process as funds become available.

The Installer Certification program is still ongoing and will bring a higher level of quality into the current process. NOWRA is having their annual Mega Conference in Springfield, Missouri from October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is always full of info and cool onsite stuff if you can make it.

Lastly, I have to put in a plug for our next Annual Conference which will of course be in person! It will be February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Eagle Crest . . . It will be great to see folks from Central Oregon as well as other areas at an amazing location.

I will close by saying you are all awesome and the engineers conference has nothing on you guys and I can say that because I'm an engineer. I find onsite more interesting and sometimes more challenging than other forms of engineering, and the best part is I get to work with many of you. Have a safe and prosperous Fall and I hope to see some of you at our Fall Conference and at Eagle Crest as well!

Dennis Boeger, PE, CWRE

## Special points of interest:

- Fall Conference  
Discount for members  
PROMO CODE  
2022MEMBER
- Save the Date for the Annual Conference  
February 17/18, 2023  
Eagle Crest Resort  
Redmond, OR
- Congratulations  
Scholarship  
Recipients:  
  
Spenser C. Waite  
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# OREGON ONSITE WASTEWATER FALL MINI CONFERENCE

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Seaside Convention Center – 415 First Avenue, Seaside, OR 97138

Register Online @ <https://conta.cc/3fNmRj5>  
PROMO CODE 2022MEMBER FOR DISCOUNT  
Select "APPLY"

REGISTRATION INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS, TRADESHOW, LUNCH ONLY  
\$175.00 - PROMO CODE 2022MEMBER - 0.6 CEUs  
\$145.00 Live online - 0.6 CEUs  
\$75.00 Employees not earning CEUs

## Schedule / Classes:

TIME	COURSE TITLE	SPEAKER	SUMMARY/ABSTRACT
8:30 9:30  0.1 CEU	ESER Panel Discussion	Lisa MacGregor Paul McDonald  Eric Englebert	Part of a roundtable discussing the Existing System Evaluation Report. Lisa will talk about the purpose of the report Erik will cover what happens once the report is submitted Paul will cover what are the problematic situations that they have to work through. This is an opportunity to ask questions and be a part of the discussion.
9:40 10:40  CEU	Electrical requirements for septic systems in Oregon	Kyle Patrick Robert Turkisher	Panel will discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper way to wire septic systems</li> <li>• Limited Electrical License versus Licensed Electrician</li> <li>• Permitting requirements for electrical</li> <li>• Inspections and pump tests</li> </ul>
10:40	BREAK/EXHIBITS		
11:00 12:00  CEU	Online License Access	Lisa MacGregor	DEQ is launching an online License database, licensee can apply, renew, change & pay for licenses online starting at the end of this year. Lisa will review the changes and be available to answer questions.
12:00	LUNCH/EXHIBITS		
1:00 2:00  0.1 CEU	Calibrating Pumps	Dan Bush	Become exposed to the What, Why, How and When to calibrate pumps for delivery rate. Step by step techniques of pump calibration in different stages of a system operation will be presented. Will include methods to calibrate where the tank or chamber capacity (gpi) is unknown and methods to calibrate when the inflow to the tank or chamber cannot be controlled. Will also provide nuances and "tricks" learned from field experiences in calibrating pumps where alternating distribution and/or pressure distribution is involved.
2:00	BREAK/EXHIBITS	Dan Bush	
2:30 3:30  CEU	Calibrating Pumps Continued		
3:40 4:40  CEU	Timed Dosing	Steve Rose	What is it, what is physically involved, where is it applied and how to set schedules for treatment trains and for multi-distribution.
4:40	CONCLUDE		

## Who Should Attend - Bring Employees who work in the Field and the Office...

This conference is for industry professionals including public health officials, O&M service providers, engineers, consultants, installation contractors, septic pumpers, and others interested in onsite wastewater management. You will learn about the latest in onsite wastewater industry issues and approaches to onsite wastewater management.

## Thank you to our Exhibitors:

Craft3 - Ferguson Water Works - HD Fowler - Infiltrator Water Technologies - RepCo Sales Agency

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FALL MINI CONFERENCE - SEASIDE - NOVEMBER 4TH  
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
PROMO CODE - 2022MEMBER  
GO ONLINE <https://conta.cc/3fNmRj5>

**DEQ announces grant recipients of ARPA funds for septic system repair and replacement in 2020 wildfire recovery areas  
September 13, 2022**

Statewide, OR—The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality today announced recipients of approximately \$5.2 million in funding for septic repair and replacement projects to improve public health and water quality in areas affected by the devastating 2020 wildfires. DEQ's new [Onsite Financial Aid Program](#) is able to award the grants using funds from the federal [American Rescue Plan Act](#) and at the direction of the Oregon legislature.

DEQ selected proposals that will provide financial support in the form of grants to homeowners who have completed or are engaged in the process of repairing or replacing their septic systems. The projects will assist Oregonians in rebuilding and returning to communities while decreasing potential environmental pollutants from aging septic systems. Information will be available on the [homeowner resources page](#) as the projects are developed.

Fall 2022 recipients and awards are as follows:

Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB)  
Primary location: Holiday Farm Fire impact area in Lane County  
Project: Provides financial aid to repair/replace septic systems as part of their Pure Water Partners program.  
Grant Amount: \$1,592,410

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