GREEN MOUNTAIN WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION



Green Mountain Water Environment Association

An association of water quality professionals

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WHO WE ARE!

The GREEN MOUNTAIN WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION (GMWEA) is a nonprofit group of water quality professionals formed in 1994 by the merger of Vermont's two long-standing water treatment and wastewater organizations. The organization supports Vermont's water quality professionals and provides public awareness and education on a range of environmental topics. **Our membership stands at well over 600 water quality professionals.**

GMWEA represents a variety of environmental interests that include: Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Industrial Wastewater Treatment, Drinking Water Distribution Systems, Stormwater Management, Engineering and Biosolids Management.

Our quarterly newsletter, the GMWEA News, brings regulatory updates and Association news to our members. Additionally, GMWEA has strong working relationships with the Vermont Rural Water Association (VRWA) and several regional organizations including the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) and the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA). GMWEA officers, directors and members regularly provide state and federal officials with input on proposed regulations that will have an impact on our profession.

Our members are the "Boots on the Ground" water quality professionals -- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year -- designing, operating, maintaining, repairing and improving water, wastewater, and stormwater systems in Vermont

ACTIVITIES WE SPONSOR AND SUPPORT

- Training and networking events for water quality professionals
 - o Spring and annual meeting
 - Fall trade show and technical program
- Vermont Water Quality Week
- Vermont Drinking Water Week
- World Water Monitoring Day
- Continuing education for water and wastewater system operators

- Networking events including the George Dow Memorial Golf Tournament and the "Poo & Brew"
- Operations challenge Vermont Team
- Sponsor and support future water, wastewater, and stormwater professionals through VSAC scholarships, the Vermont State Science and Mathematics Fair and Stockholm Junior Water Prize Award.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE OUR FREE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR IN PRINT PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS:

GMWEA'S 2018 PRIORITY ISSUES

- We support efforts to establish a statewide funding source to cover costs associated with water quality improvements.
 - The current level of funding provided to the Clean Water Board will not provide sufficient long-term funds to implement the actions required by the Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL and Act 64 (Vermont's Clean Water Act).
- We support the cleanup of Lake Champlain, the Connecticut River, Lake Carmi and Lake Memphremagog through TMDLs, and the preservation/cleanup of all Vermont waters. The improvements required for the point sources must be cost effective and provide the most "bang for the buck".
- We support beneficial reuse of biosolids and generally oppose trucking them out of state due to the huge negative carbon footprint and loss of beneficial reuse.
- The Clean Water Board or Authority must include municipal or citizen representation.

PLEASE CONSIDER US AS AN INFORMATION RESOURCE

Our members are water, wastewater, and stormwater professionals. We have first-hand knowledge and "hands-on" experience designing, operating, maintaining, repairing and continually improving water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure in Vermont.

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