

Decentralized Wastewater Webcast Series



PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

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DESCRIPTION

Decentralized wastewater treatment systems can protect the environment, public health, and water quality in homes and communities by: providing reliable wastewater treatment; providing a highly-effective wastewater treatment method which reduces conventional pollutants, nutrients, and emerging contaminants; and, mitigating contamination and health risks associated with wastewater. The webinar will address state government and community practices that protect public health and ensure sustainable decentralized wastewater management.

This information will apply to public health officials, academia, product manufacturers, service and maintenance companies, installers.

This webinar is the fifth in the series begin presented by EPA's MOU Partnership for Decentralized Wastewater Management.

PRESENTERS

“Enhanced Perspective on Onsite Wastewater Systems: A Public Health Contribution to the Wellbeing of Communities” - Dr. Max Zarate-Bermudez is an environmental epidemiologist with the Environmental Health Services Branch of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services. He serves as the scientific liaison of the CDC/NCEH with the EPA's National Drinking Water Advisory Council. He has more than 15 years of experience working on water and wastewater issues related to public health.

“Design and Operation of Onsite Systems to Promote Environmental & Public Health” - A. Robert Rubin is Professor Emeritus at North Carolina University and has worked as a visiting scientist for EPA/OWM. He has worked with a wide range of communities and local and state health departments to identify and design systems that meet the onsite wastewater needs in a way that is sustainable and cost-efficient.

“Virginia's Approach to Address Health and Environmental Concerns from Decentralized Systems” - Robert W. Hicks began his career in public health at the Prince William County Health District working first as a field environmental health specialist and then as a supervisor of environmental health specialists. For the last 27 years he has served as the Director, Office of Environmental Health Services for the Virginia Department of Health. In this position he provides leadership for most Virginia Department of Health environmental health programs by managing over 60 employees and providing guidance to 119 local health departments (over 450 Environmental Health Specialists) across the Commonwealth.

MODERATOR

Maureen Tooke, U.S. EPA Office of Wastewater Management

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