

# Tank Talk

2018 has been a successful year for the Decentralized Partnership. From an engaging SepticSmart Week to the completion of Septic Finance Module, the Partners dedicated time and energy to accomplish these goals. Congrats team!

## Highlights for this month:

- Partner Contact Information Updates
- Next Full Partnership Call: February 13
- Septic System Diagrams and Finance Module Online
- SepticSmart Week 2019 Steering Group
- SepticSmart Holiday Postcard
- WEFTEC Conference Due Dates
- Informational Septic System Videos

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## UPDATES

### Partner Contact Information Update

Please see Ryan's email with the current master contact list of the MOU partner organizations. By December 30, please review it and ensure the information is correct and the right people are listed.

## DO YOUR PART. BE SEPTIC SMART!

### Next Full Partner Call:

February 13, 2019, 1:00pm – 3:00pm EST

### Decentralized Webcast Series

February Webinar Date TBD

### SepticSmart Week Steering Group

Contact Zach to join group

## EVENTS

NGWA [National Ground Water Association "Groundwater Week"](#)  
December 3-7, 2018 Las Vegas, NV

Please share the dates of your planned 2019 events, workshops, and conferences with us!

## **Septic Finance Learning Module**

The Septic Finance Learning Module is now posted on our website, on our homepage under “What’s New”, and also at the bottom of [the page here](#). A direct link to the learning module can be found [here](#).

## **Nitrogen Sensor Challenge Application Due December 7**

Sensor technology developers can submit their sensors for testing at the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center (MASSTC) during the January 2019 testing periods for field test consideration scheduled for May 13 – November 15, 2019. The deadline for sensor testing applications for the January one-month test is December 7, 2018. It’s the last chance for sensors to be tested for entry.

## **Videos from the Colorado Rural Water Association**

Informational septic system videos from an affiliate of the National Rural Water Association, an MOU Partner, are now on [our webpage](#), under “Videos.” [This video](#) was created to empower homeowners to properly maintain their septic systems. Also, [this video](#) contains interviews with environmental health officials explaining the ins and outs of septic system installation, permitting, and maintenance in Colorado.

## **American Society of Civil Engineers Call for Papers**

The American Society of Civil Engineers announced a special edition on Onsite and Decentralized Wastewater Management Systems in their Journal of Sustainable Water in the Built Environment. For more information on the Call for Papers see the email from Katy Lackey (klackey@waterrf.org).

## **WEF Nutrients Symposium Due Dates**

For the [2019 Nutrient Removal and Recovery Symposium](#), technical abstracts, workshop proposals, and session proposals are all due on December 10, 2018.

## **National Ground Water Association: Groundwater Week December 3-7**

The National Ground Water Association is hosting “Groundwater Week” from December 3-7, 2018 in Las Vegas, NV. NGWA is a part of the Sourcewater Collaborative and the event will focus on source water protection topics including groundwater monitoring, remediation, recharge, planning and sustainability. Visit [this link](#) to learn more about the event.

## **STRAIGHT FROM THE TANK**

### **SepticSmart Week 2019 Webpage**

The [2019 SepticSmart Week webpage](#) now is up and running. This webpage will be updated throughout the next year with new SepticSmart Week related products. Past SepticSmart Week webpages are also viewable via the [above link](#).

### **New Septic System Diagrams Online**

Ten new diagrams are now on our webpage and downloadable. You can access from the homepage or click [here](#) to access directly.

## **GET PUMPED**

### **Save the Dates for SepticSmart Week 2019**

Please ensure your organization has the dates for SepticSmart Week 2019 on its calendar – September 16-20, 2019. The SepticSmart Week 2019 Save the Date flyer is now on our homepage. You can download it directly [here](#).

### **SepticSmart Week Steering Group**

This small group provides input and guidance for the annual event and reviews draft products. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you or someone at your organization would like to be involved please email Zach.

## **Next Full-Partnership Call**

We plan to hold the next full-partner call on February 13, 2019 from 1:00pm-3:00pm ET. Please let us know of any agenda items or any major conflicts with that date.

## **Webinar Suggestions**

We are looking for new webinar ideas for the Decentralized Wastewater Webcast Series. If you have any suggestions, please email Ryan, Zach, or Gaida.

## **Holiday Postcard**

Happy Holidays! Don't forget to share the program's holiday postcard! It can be found [here](#).

## **EPA/OWM/Decentralized Wastewater Team**

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