

Decentralized Wastewater Needs Data for the CWNS: How and Why It's Important to Your State and EPA Webinar

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Session Description:

This joint webinar combined the EPA Decentralized Wastewater Program/MOU Partnership and Clean Watershed Needs Survey Webinar Series. Attendees learned about the CWNS and New Jersey's experience participating in the 2004 and 2008 surveys, and were encouraged to coordinate early to increase the amount of decentralized data collected in the upcoming CWNS that will begin in April 2011.

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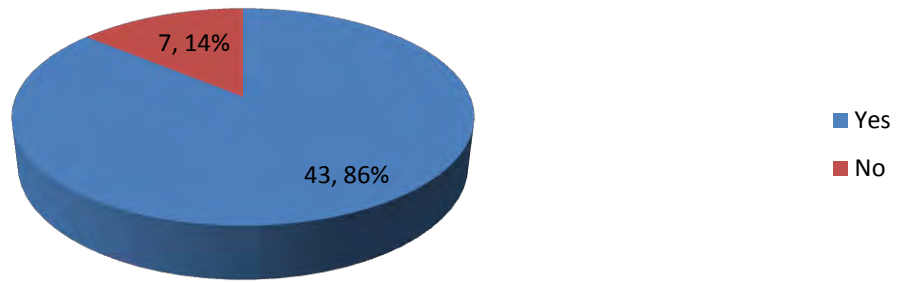
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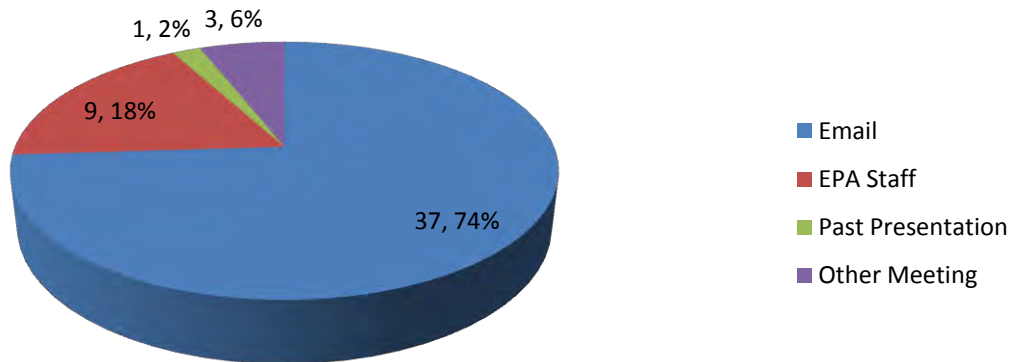
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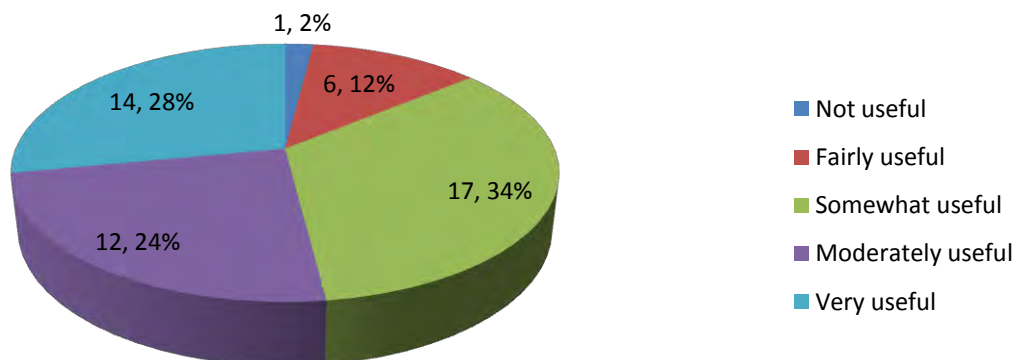
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Webinar Questions

Subject Matter Questions

Q: Are the surveys calculating the number of older substandard systems that may not be failing to the surface but might be discharging into groundwater tables?

Q: WHAT TAKES THE PLACE OF THE GIS CALCULATION OF SEWERED/UNSEWERED AREAS?

- Mary Clark, mclark@orenco.com

Q: Can code change also be used to document need? For instance the current code for Suffolk Co NY requires a leachig pool and a treatment tank. There are many legacy (grandfathered systems) that are leaching pools only. Can the cost of upgrading systems to current code be used a need?

- Kristina Heinemann, heinemann.kristina@epa.gov

Q: Did NJ use SRF funds? With these current House proposed cuts, we are concerned if funding will be adequate regardless of need? If enacted do you anticipate these to be a permanent or 2 year reduction? Perhaps this isn't the right forum for this question?

Clean Water State Revolving Fund -\$700M

Rural Development Programs -\$237M

Natural Resource Conservation Service -\$46M

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy -\$899M

Q: Do you know of suitable funding sources to assist organizations do this?

Q: can we get a list of attendees?

Q: How can we find out what any state listed as a need?

- Dendra Best, info@wastewatereducation.org

Q: Do any of you have a suggestion on how to go about financing/funding a regionalized wastewater treatment facility that would accomodate two counties?

- Jessica Lucas, jlucas@co.gloucester.nj.us

Q: Do you have any current statistics about failure rates? repair rates? for onsite systems?

Q: Where do you think this funding will come from - especially given the pressure to CUT federal spending?

- Dennis Hurowitz, dhurowitz@onlinerme.com

Q: How can I confirm this continuing education to licensing boards, etc.? Can you send me an email?

- Kevin Sherman, osmc2001@yahoo.com

Q: If an existing engineering report or water shed protection plan has an estimated population that have failing septic systems. Can the cost curve be used for this situation.

- Alan Williams, alan.williams@twdb.state.tx.us

Q: If decentralized designs are not submitted and municipalities/public utilities keep submitting centralized extension Request for Proposals to resolve the many decentralized needs, can EPA require state SRF designate funds just for decentralized design and construction?

- Paul Hamrick, chubnvv@aol.com

Q: If there's no upper threshold for the cluster systems component of Decentralized Needs - How can the needs/cost data be calculated(equally/consistently) from state to state

- Bill Brizzell, william.brizzell@efc.ny.gov

Q: In under reporting states, can other groups, organizations, etc. assist the states in obtaining more complete data?

- Richard Otis, otis.rj@charter.net

Q: Please clarify that new systems (in the "no existing system" situation) are a Need only if the residence is existing, NOT when the residence is new, also.

Q: Who made a decision that they would fund new development thru the SRF?

Q: Is Category XII reported in the body of the RTC or in the "appendix" with other NPS needs? If in the appendix, then the needs documented don't mean anything with regards to the allotment calculations, right?

Q: What is a "community system?"

- Meg Klepic, meg.klepic@epa.state.oh.us

Q: what information is needed for cost - actual construction costs from owners, estimates from trade industry, other?

- Gary Buttermore, gary.buttermore@nebraska.gov

Q: Will there be an effort to count Cat XII as part of the state's official needs? We moved a number of needs to Cat XII. By the way, CT DOES FUND Decentralized needs with the SRF.

- Dennis Greci, dennis.greci@ct.gov

Q: Comment: Hereafter please provide the full wording of acronyms upon their introduction

- James Anderson, james.anderson@state.mn.us

Technical and Logistical Questions/Comments

Q: Audio is fading in and out!

- Ed Barranco, ed_barranco@doh.state.fl.us

Q: Audio is in and out! cannot hear you well.

- Brandy Piers, brandy.m.piers@maine.gov

Q: can anyone else hear?

Q: very poor sound. can hear every other word. please fix.

- Charles Schmidt, cschmidt@vspeng.com

Q: Can we get a copy of PPT slides? What is link to do so? Thank you

A: Yes, the slides will be posted on the MOU Partnership Decentralized Management Wiki. To register for the Wiki, go to:

http://oaspub.epa.gov/portal/page/portal/GENERAL_PAGE_GROUP/IAM_Self_Registration_Page

- Bob Eichinger, bob@decentralizedadvisors.com

Q: Could you please send out the revised amounts from the incorrect slide? The audio cut out as the speaker was sharing these numbers.

A: The slide is actually correct. The increase from 2004 to 2008 was 20.3B as stated in the slide. The 2004 needs = 3.6 billion. The 2008 needs = 23.9 billion.

- Sheryl Ervin, servin@kdheks.gov

Q: FYI... Audio keeps cutting out

- Erick Worker, erick.worker@state.co.us

Q: I don't have sound.

Q: I'm all set.

- Gloria Andrews, gloria.andrews@des.nh.gov

Q: much better thank you

- Imran Khalid, iskhalid@syr.edu

Q: My audio is cutting in and out.

- Amy Henninger, ahenning@ifa.in.gov

Q: Slides for download later??

A: Yes, the slides will be available for downloading. Information on that will be provided at the end.

Q: One of our key people couldn't be here today. Is it being recorded for later viewing online?

A: Yes, the transcripts will be posted afterwards on the MOU Partnership Wiki.

Q: Please put contact slide back up after poll is finished.

- Philip Burke, phil.burke@gmail.com

Q: You are breaking up

Q: You are still breaking up on audio

A: We are working on the audio now. Thank you for letting us know.

- Tom Webb, tom_webb@deq.state.ms.us

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