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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chase Environmental Services (CES), the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (NSFC), and the State Onsite Regulators Alliance (SORA) were charged with establishing a communication link between the NDWRCDP Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the regulatory community to:

- Keep the regulatory community informed of new developments in the decentralized wastewater field as a result of NDWRCDP efforts
- Obtain timely input from the regulatory community to assist the PSC in planning program activities

Activities were to include:

- A presentation on the NDWRCDP and facilitated discussion on research needs priorities between state regulators and NDWRCDP PSC representatives at the 2001 National Onsite Wastewater State Regulators Conference in Washington, DC
- An investigation of the feasibility of a national roundtable conference that would include
 - NDWRCDP, national wastewater-related associations, the onsite wastewater regulatory community, and other related organizations
 - Ongoing interactions with the NSFC State Regulators Advisory Committee to obtain feedback on NDWRCDP research objectives and project progress

The original project called for two additional activities; however, funding was shifted from these activities to expand NDWRCDP participation in the following annual National Small Flows Clearinghouse State Onsite Wastewater Regulators Conferences:

- Third Annual National Small Flows Clearinghouse State Onsite Wastewater Regulators Conference, Washington, DC, April 17–21, 2001
- Fourth Annual National Small Flows Clearinghouse State Onsite Wastewater Regulators Conference, Newport, Rhode Island, March 20–23, 2002
- Fifth Annual National Small Flows Clearinghouse State Onsite Wastewater Regulators Conference, North Las Vegas, Nevada, March 24–28, 2003
- Sixth Annual National Small Flows Clearinghouse State Onsite Wastewater Regulators Conference, Orlando, Florida, February 23–27, 2004

In the last two contract extensions, the project also included delivery of conference proceedings in interactive CD-ROM format. Finally, the bulk of the funding provided by NDWRCDP was to be used to offset conference expenses, primarily stipends paid to state regulators and the agencies they represented for attendee travel and lodging expenses. During the state regulators conferences, NDWRCDP also participated in concurrent Captains of Industry conferences.

Washington, DC, 2001

James Kreissl and Valerie Nelson, NDWRCDP steering committee members, gave presentations to the state regulators and manufacturers at the Washington, DC conference. They both also participated in break out sessions that resulted in the crafting of six issue papers. These issue papers were later presented before US EPA officials and published by the NSFC (Chase and Casey 2001b).

Newport, Rhode Island, 2002

NDWRCDP was well represented on the conference agenda at Newport, Rhode Island. Project Coordinator Andrea Shephard provided an overview of NDWRCDP and researchers funded by NDWRCDP provided presentations. The funded researchers included: Tibor Banathy of California State University-Chico, Lorraine Joubert of the University of Rhode Island, and Pio Lombardo of Lombardo Associates, Inc. in Massachusetts. Two publications were produced following this conference, including a report based on analysis of conference evaluation survey forms (Chase 2002) and an interactive CD-ROM of the conference proceedings (Chase *et al.* 2002).

North Las Vegas, Nevada, 2003

Valerie Nelson represented the NDWRCDP at the North Las Vegas conference by presenting and participating in many discussion sessions during the conference. As with the Newport conference, a report based on analysis of evaluation surveys (Chase 2003a) and conference proceedings on CD-ROM (Chase 2003b) were produced.


Orlando, Florida, 2004

In Orlando, the conference agenda included two NDWRCDP presentations, including a summary report by project coordinator Andrea Shephard and a research report by Tom Groves of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission on an NDWRCDP-funded research project on technology transfer. As with the two previous conferences, a report based on analysis of evaluation surveys (Ebelherr 2004) and conference proceedings on CD-ROM (Chase *et al.* 2004) were produced.

During the summer of 2001, Chase Environmental Services and the National Small Flows Clearinghouse conducted an investigation into the feasibility of a national roundtable conference. Organizations with an interest in decentralized wastewater issues were contacted and surveyed about their interest in such a conference. A report detailing the findings of the investigation was produced (Chase and Casey 2001a).

An ongoing additional benefit for the NDWRCDP as a result of this project is access to various NSFC dissemination mechanisms. The methods of dissemination include the listservs setup for regulators and manufacturers, article postings in the *Small Flows Quarterly*, the web site, the news listserv, and product advertising and distribution.

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