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DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MOU
PARTNERSHIP BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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SepticSmart Week 2021

Set your calendars for SepticSmart Week 2021 September 20th – 24th! There is more information to come for now, please feel free to check out SepticSmart Week 2020 highlights [here](#)!

Decentralized Updates

Quick Tip Video Series

The SepticSmart Week Quick Tip Videos are available. Click [here](#) to see “Think at the Sink!,” “Don’t Strain Your Drain!,” “Keep It Clean!,” “Shield Your Field!,” and “Don’t Overload the Commode!”

Call for Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to participate in the 2021 SepticSmart Week Steering Group. This group usually meets once every 1 – 2 months to provide feedback on EPA materials related to SepticSmart Week. Our initial group brainstorm discussion will take place in late January/ early February. Please email Zach (Lowenstein.zachary@epa.gov) or Heidi (faller.heidi@epa.gov) by Friday Jan 8, 2021, if you are interested in participating.

Happy New Year!

EPA’s Decentralized Team wants to wish you a Happy New Year! We are appreciative of the hard work and collaborative efforts of this MOU partnership and look forward to another successful year together.

Order Your Magnets Today!

“Protect Your Septic System!” Magnets are still available to order for free via [EPA’s website](#). Get them while they last!

MOU Partner Spotlight

The Private Water Network (PWN) is a community for professionals working to protect the public's health from contaminants in private water sources. PWN is a collaboration of CDC and the National Environmental Health Association, and it recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Explore these links for more information:

[Private Well Challenges Round Table Discussion \(recast\)](#)

[PWN Groundwater Treatment Webinar Series: Private Well Water Treatment for Arsenic \(recast\)](#)

[PWN Blogpost](#)

Partner Events

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators

[ASDWA Member Meeting 2021: March 22, 2021 – March 24, 2021. 8 am – 5 pm](#)

The Environmental Council of the States

[2021 Virtual Spring Meeting: March 16, 2021 – March 17th, 2021. 12 pm – 5:30 pm EST](#)

Coming Down the Pipe

EPA's Decentralized Team wishes NOWRA's Eric Casey a happy retirement! Eric became NOWRA's Executive Director in June 2010 and retires the end of January 2021. Thank you for your many years of expertise and service Eric!

We welcome Tom Groves as the new Executive Director and congratulate Sara Heger as the new NOWRA President!

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