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New York Water Environment Association to Co-Host Joint Spring Technical Conference and Exhibition with New England Water Environment Association in Saratoga Springs, NY, June 7-9, 2023

Syracuse, NY – The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) is co-hosting its annual Spring Technical Conference and Exhibition on June 7-9, 2023 with the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) at the Saratoga Hilton & City Center in Saratoga Springs, NY. This three-day educational conference attracts hundreds of environmental professionals, government officials, scientists, manufacturing representatives, college students and other water quality experts in the industry.

Under the theme "All for One & One for Water! Celebrating Essential Water Workers," the conference will feature renowned speakers and a comprehensive program highlighting the vital contributions of water workers throughout the Northeast.

Spanning 17 sessions, the technical educational program will cover various water quality topics, including PFAS, Infrastructure Funding, Wastewater in the Digital Age, Utility Management, Resiliency, and many more. Noteworthy events include panel discussions on Sustainability, Equitable Leadership, and an exciting "Shark Tank" style session hosted by the NEWEA Innovation Council. George Hawkins of Moonshot Missions will deliver the keynote address on Persuasion, Innovation & Communication on Thursday.

One of the main features of the conference will be the Operations Challenge. Teams of highly-skilled operators from NYWEA and NEWEA will go head-to-head for the championship title and the winning team will go on to compete in the National Competition at WEFTEC in Chicago in October. The challenge includes several events testing the operators' skills in collection systems, laboratory analysis, process control, pump maintenance, and safety. There will also be an exhibition on Wednesday and Thursday which provides an opportunity for professional exchange of information and state-of-the-art concepts in water quality and other water environment issues. The exhibits will be in the City Center connected to the hotel, and will be in the same space as the Operations Challenge.

Other special events planned include a tour of the Saratoga Spa State Park focusing on stormwater BMPs in the park. This will be directly followed by the County Stormwater tour focused on practices surrounding the Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure around Saratoga Springs. This conference will also offer plenty of opportunities for networking and reconnecting with water industry colleagues from around the Northeast. There will be networking coffee breaks each day of the conference as well as a meet & greet hosted by the Young Professionals' Committee on Wednesday evening. The InFLOW Program (Introducing Future Leaders to Opportunities in Water) will also take place at the conference, partnering with local job readiness programs to expose InFLOW Scholars to a variety of rewarding career possibilities.

Educational opportunities will be available for local elementary students in grades 3-5 to learn more about the water environment, how water is cleaned at a Water Resource Recovery Facility, and the microorganisms that are involved in the process.

Full conference details and the member, nonmember, and student rates are available at www.nywea.org.

About NYWEA: Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide and hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, water resource recovery operators, public officials and others who work in water quality management and water resource recovery. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program, publishes *Clear Waters* – a quarterly educational magazine, administers wastewater operator training and certification, and supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 15 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF). For more information, please visit www.nywea.org.

About NEWEA: The New England Water Environment Association is a dynamic organization of over 2,100 highly qualified and motivated water and wastewater professionals located throughout New England, who volunteer their time, energy, and expertise in order to preserve, protect, and manage one of our most precious resources here in New England, our water environment. Our members contribute to “the friendly exchange of information and experience.” As a volunteer organization, we exist solely because of the involvement and contribution of each member. For more information, please visit www.newea.org.

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