



ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ASSOCIATION

Jamie Herman | CEO

As we prepare for our 41st Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition, to be held May 18-20, 2020, in picturesque Lake Placid, we pause for a moment to share our gratitude for all who continue to support this association and our rural water and wastewater initiatives. Our board and staff are hard at work making sure the training, exhibit hall, and events are the very best products available. I sincerely appreciate all their hard work and effort. We are blessed to have so very many outstanding Associate Members and Exhibitors...without whom this conference would never be a success. Our Associate Members not only provide excellent one-on-one services in the exhibit hall, but they also provide a great deal of the renewal training, which is the heart and soul of our conference and the mission of this association. We would like to recognize a few of our Associate Members who have continued their support of our association, and have now agreed to provide financial sponsorship for door prizes and registration materials.

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THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

SWAP LEGISLATION:

Our sincere appreciation to NYS Senator Tedisco, and NYS Assemblyman Steck for once again introducing the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program (SWAP) legislation this year. The Senate Bill is S554 and the Assembly Bill is A424. Our very own Steve Grimm has been involved in this effort from its inception, and we are thankful for his commitment in getting the

word out to our members. The NYRWA will be putting together letters which our members can copy and paste on their own letterhead, and ask for support. We will email the materials to all of our members at least twice in the coming months. We will also provide our field staff with electronic copies for download, at your request, they are also available to you on our website at the following link: <https://nyruralwater.org/downloads/downloads-other-materials>

Just as a reminder, the SWAP Bill, if passed would provide a maintenance funding source for municipalities in NYS based on the amount of water lines, wastewater lines, and storm water lines within the community, at which point the state would provide the municipality with an annual amount of funds to assist with maintenance and improvements. This program would resemble the very popular CHIPS program which assists so very many communities with street maintenance funding.

Please help us as we try to promote and support this very important legislation.

RALLY UPDATE:

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our members who took the time to send a letter of appreciation. These letters were very well received, as was our message. We thank Representatives Maloney, Delgado, Tonko, Stefanik, Brindisi, Reed, Katko, Morelle and Higgins, as well as Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, for taking the time to meet with our contingent in February, listening to our concerns and for continuing to support rural water and wastewater initiatives here in NY and across this great nation! Personally, I

wish to thank NYRWA Board Members John O'Connell, Steve Freeman, and Florence Braunius for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend and participate in these discussions. Rest assured, they carried the message of our members, and the message was very well received. >>>





NEW SERVICES:

In recent months we were fortunate to roll out a few new services for both our Associate Members and our System Members. We recently unveiled a partnership with **The Association Partner**, a digital re-targeting marketing service for our Associate Members. We thank our Associate Members who have enrolled in this marketing campaign, and hope others will soon see the benefit and at least take the time to engage them in some discussion.

We also joined forces with **IRIS (Tech Radium)**, an easy to use and very inexpensive mass notification system which we believe would be very beneficial for our system members. **IRIS** allows systems to notify residents and customers on important issues such as special meetings, boil water orders, road closures, etc... via phone, text, email, or any combination of those mechanisms. Again, we wish to thank the member systems who have enrolled and hope others may find this service to be beneficial for your community. My thanks to our staff who have worked tirelessly on these new services...You Are The Best In The Business!

SPECIAL THANKS:

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Eric Lindemann, National Sales Manager, for Chemical Injection Technologies, Inc., based in Fort Pierce, Florida, who recently donated a 100ppd direct mount all vacuum gas chlorinator with regulator, with a 50ppd close coupled panel attached and ejector. This equipment will be available for loan by member systems who have an urgent need.

Chemical Injection Technologies/Superior Water Solutions have been in business for 28 years. They manufacture gas chlorination, instrumentation, and liquid feed equipment for the water and wastewater industry. In New York, they are represented by Koester Associates.

Thank you Eric and all involved, for this very generous donation!

The NYRWA wishes to thank Mayor Randy Shayler; Director of Public Works, Bill Whitfield; and Chief Water Operator, Dana Harris for generously donating surplus continuous analyzers for both turbidity and chlorine. The equipment includes multiple Hach 1720E Turbidity Meters and CL17 Chlorine Analyzers. This equipment is operational and is available free of charge to any member systems who may have the need. If interested, please contact Jamie Herman at herman@nyruralwater.org 💧💧