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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ONSITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO, INC. (an Idaho non-profit corporation)

The undersigned natural person(s) acting as incorporator(s) of a Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "CORPORATION" under the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 3, Idaho Code, known as the Idaho Non-profit Corporation Act, (this Code as amended from time to time is referred to herein as the "CODE"), adopts the following ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (and all words in the Articles in the male gender shall be deemed to include the female gender):

# ARTICLE 1

#### NAME

The name of the Corporation is ONSITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO, INC.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

# PERIOD OF DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

# **ARTICLE 3**

#### **PURPOSES**

Section 3.01. PURPOSES. The purposes for which this Corporation is organized are as follows:

CLAUSE (a). This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and the same is prohibited; the purpose for which this corporation is formed is not for profit.

(1). The exclusive purpose of this Corporation is to protect the health and safety of the general public and the environment of Idaho by assisting the development of sound environmental practices and the manufacture, design, siting, installation, operation, maintenance, and servicing of onsite wastewater treatment systems; and,

1. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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- (2). To provide persons engaged in the manufacturer, design, siting, installation, operation, servicing, maintenance, and regulation of onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems in the State of Idaho, a common association to which unified lawful efforts may be made toward solving onsite wastewater industry problems so that the general public can receive the highest standards of safe, sanitary, and environmentally sound onsite wastewater treatment service; and,
- (3). To improve the conditions of the onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems industry in Idaho by working toward the establishment of uniform and responsible standards of manufacture, design, siting, installation, operation, maintenance, management, servicing, and regulation of onsite wastewater treatment systems; and,
- (4). To provide a forum for research and for open dialogue and exchange of ideas, information, and technology transfer among private industry, professional practitioners, governmental policy makers, regulators, the homeowner, the general public, and all complementary objectives and purposes; and,
- (5). To foster training, education, and certification opportunities for professional onsite wastewater practitioners and other audiences in Idaho to upgrade skills, elevate performance, and increase their knowledge and awareness of onsite wastewater treatment system design, siting, installation, operation, maintenance, servicing, management, and regulation; and,
- (6). To actively participate in public and private efforts in the investigation, evaluation, and development of new and improved practices of conventional, alternative, and experimental onsite wastewater systems, policies, regulations, methods and materials for use in Idaho and to keep members informed about such advances; and
- (7). To provide timely input to Idaho policy makers concerning onsite wastewater treatment regulations; and,
  - (8). To formulate and maintain ethical standards for the guidance of its members; and,
- (9). To participate as a member in other local, state, or national associations with common needs, goals, or purposes; and,
- (10). To compile and to disseminate statistics, experiences, and other relevant information affecting the onsite wastewater treatment industry in Idaho;

CLAUSE (b). In furtherance of and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the Laws of the State of Idaho, it is expressly provided that this Corporation shall also have the following power:

- 1. To do all things necessary and appropriate, authorized by Title 30, Chapter 3 of Idaho Code, or the codes, statutes, or regulations of the United States Government governing non-profit corporations.
- 2. To borrow money and give security therefore.
- 3. To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose pertaining to its business, with any individual, and any firm, association, corporation, or any government, municipality, or public authority, domestic or foreign.
- 4. To do everything necessary, proper, convenient or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes and objects of this Corporation.
- 5. To do any and all things in this article set forth to the same extent a natural person might or could do and in any part of the world as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, either alone or in the company with others.

CLAUSE (c). AUXILIARY PURPOSES. To do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient, for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes, and to do all other things incidental to them or connected with them that are not forbidden by the Code, by other law, or by these ARTIC-LES OF INCORPORATION.

SECTION 3.02. POWERS. The Corporation, subject to any specific written limitations or restrictions imposed by the Code or by these ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, shall have and exercise the following powers:

CLAUSE (a). STATUTORY POWERS. To have and exercise all the powers specified in the Code.

CLAUSE (b). NON-PROFIT PRECLUSIONS. No part of the net earning of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed either to its members, directors, officers of other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the

carrying on of political propaganda, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate of public office, provided however, the Corporation may provide education/information to governmental entities regarding sound environmental practices and manufacture, design, siting, installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of on site waste water treatment systems. Nothing contained herein however, shall forbid the Corporation from publicly stating its position on any issue or question of legitimate concern to or relevant to the purpose for which the Corporation has been organized. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by the corporation exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code as may hereafter be amended, or any corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as may hereafter be amended or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

CLAUSE (c). TERMINATION OR LIQUIDATION. Upon termination, liquidation, dissolution or abandonment of the corporation for any purpose, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the lawful liabilities of the Corporation, as required by I.C. 30-3-1 et seq., dispose of all of the remaining assets of the Corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational, and/or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code as hereafter may be amended, or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

CLAUSE (d). CONSTRUCTION OF POWERS. Each of the foregoing clauses of this section shall be construed as independent powers and the matters expressed in each clause shall not unless otherwise expressly provided, be limited by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other clause. The enumeration of specific powers shall not be construed as limiting or restricting in any manner either the meaning of general terms used in any of these clauses, or the scope of the general powers of the Corporation created by them; nor shall the expression of one thing in any of these clauses be deemed to exclude another not expressed, although it be of like nature.

SECTION 3.03. CARRYING OUT OF PURPOSES AND EXERCISE OF POWERS IN ANY JURISDICTION. The Corporation may carry out its purposes and exercise its powers in any state, territory, district or possession of the United States, or in any foreign country, to the extent that these purposes and powers are not forbidden by the law of the State, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or by the foreign country and it may limit the purpose or purposes that it

proposes to carry out or the powers it proposes to exercise in any application to do business in any State, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or foreign country.

SECTION 3.04. DIRECTION OF PURPOSES AND EXERCISE OF POWERS BY DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors, subject to any specific written limitations or restrictions imposed by the Code or by these ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, shall direct the carrying out of the purposes and exercise the powers of the Corporation without previous authorization or subsequent approval by the members of the Corporation.

SECTION 3.05. LIMITING PROVISION. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to authorize the Corporation to engage in the business of banking or insurance

#### ARTICLE 4

# **MEMBERSHIPS**

SECTION 4.01. NUMBER. The Corporation shall be a non-stock corporation, and no dividends or pecuniary profit shall be declared or paid to any of the members thereof. Membership in said Corporation shall be unlimited to any person, entity or individual who desires to participate on behalf of the corporation recognizing the primary purpose as set forth above.

SECTION 4.02. MEMBERSHIP ROLE. The Corporation shall have, within the Corporate books and records, a Membership Role wherein members of the corporation shall be maintained by the Secretary of said Corporation. Whenever any member shall consist of one or more persons, said member shall be considered as a single member unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws. A Member may be a person, both natural or at law, a corporation, partnership, joint venture or limited liability company. Membership shall be non voting as to the election of Directors, the control of the corporation to be vested in the Board of Directors thereof.

SECTION 4.03. MEMBERSHIP FEES. A membership in the Corporation and a fee therefore shall be provided by the By-Laws, or resolution authorized by said By-Laws, duly adopted by the Board of Directors. Such membership fee may include annual dues or other assessments.

SECTION 4.04. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION. Any person or entity may be a member of the Corporation and membership shall not be denied on account of race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

SECTION 4.05. LIMITATION ON CONTROL. The control and operation of the corporation shall be vested in the directors, provided, however, the members may suggest amendments to the Article of Incorporation and the By-laws, in writing to the Board of Directors. Members shall not have the right to operate the corporation.

# ARTICLE 5

#### DIRECTORS

SECTION 5.01. NUMBER. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation consists of three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who are Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	
Allen C. Worst	625 Best Avenue, Coeur d'Alene ID 83814	1	
Jay Holman	1502 S. Drummond, Green Acres WA 99106	2	
Joe Canning	5505 W. Franklin, Boise ID 83705	3	

#### ARTICLE 6

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 6.01 MANNER OF ELECTION. The manner in which the Directors are to be elected by the Members shall be by the then existing Directors or any remaining Director or as may be modified as set forth in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE 7

# CORPORATE OFFICERS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

SECTION 7.01. GENERAL OFFICERS. The general officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer. The Directors may appoint various Vice Presidents to serve distinct and defined functions.

SECTION 7.02. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The principal duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the members and Board of directors and to have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation.

SECTION 7.03. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. The principal duties of the Vice President shall be to discharge the duties of the President in the event of absence or disability for any

cause whatsoever of the President. Various Vice Presidents may be appointed for specific functions other than as the first Vice President.

SECTION 7.04. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY. The principal duties of the Secretary shall be to countersign all deeds, leases and conveyances executed by the Corporation, affix the seal of the Corporation thereto, and to such other papers as shall be required and directed to be sealed, to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and the Members, and to safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the corporation, or in any way pertaining to the business thereof, except the books and records incidental to the duties of the Treasurer.

SECTION 7.05. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER. The principal duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep an account of all monies, credits and property of any and every nature of the Corporation which shall come into his/her hands and to keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed and of money and property on hand and generally of all matters pertaining to his/her office, as shall be required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7.06. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICERS. The Board of Directors may provide for the appointment of such additional officers as they deem in the best interest of the Corporation.

SECTION 7.07. Whenever the Board of Directors may so order any two officers, the duties of which do not conflict, may be held by one person, except the office of President and Secretary.

SECTION 7.08. The officers shall perform such additional or different duties as shall, from time to time, be imposed or required by the Board of Directors or as may be prescribed, from time to time, by the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE 8**

# APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

SECTION 8.01. APPOINTMENT. The officers shall be appointed by the Directors, and shall serve at the leisure of the Directors, until they are removed, resign, or replaced by the Directors. The Directors shall first be appointed by the then existing Directors of the Corporation. There will be no term limits on the terms of the officers except and to the extent an officer either resigns or is replaced by action of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

# PROVISIONS FOR REGULATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION

SECTION 9.01 BYLAWS. The initial Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or to adopt new Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors; provided however, the Members may, in writing, suggest proposed amendments to the By-laws to the Directors who may or may not take action thereon. The Bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the corporation not inconsistent with the Code or these ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

SECTION 9.02. TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH DIRECTORS HAVE AN INTEREST. Any contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any firm of which one or more of its directors are members or employees, or in which they are interested, or between the Corporation and any Corporation or association of which one or more of its directors are shareholders, members, directors, officers or employees, or in which they are interested, shall be valid for all purposes, notwithstanding the presence of the director or directors at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation that acts upon, or in reference to, the contract or transaction, and notwithstanding his or their participation in the action, if the fact of such interest shall be disclosed or known to the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall, nevertheless, authorize or ratify the contract or transaction, the interested director or directors to be counted in determining whether a quorum is present and to be entitled to vote on such authorization or ratification. This section shall not be construed to invalidate any contract or other transaction that would otherwise be valid under the common and statutory law applicable to it.

# SECTION 9.03. INDEMNIFICATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

CLAUSE (a). POWER TO INDEMNIFY-THIRD PARTY ACTIONS. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal,

administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or preceding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith, and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, or had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

CLAUSE (b). POWER TO INDEMNIFY-ACTION BROUGHT IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such Court shall deem proper.

CLAUSE (c). RIGHT OF INDEMNIFICATION. To the extent that a director, officer or employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in Clauses (a) and (b), or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

CLAUSE (d). DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO INDEMNIFICATION. Any indemnification under Clauses (a) and (b) (unless ordered by a Court) shall be made by the

Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in clauses (a) and (b). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or preceding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the members.

CLAUSE (e). ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in Clause (d) upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee, or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this section.

CLAUSE (f). SAVINGS CLAUSE. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, Agreement, vote of the members or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

CLAUSE (g). INSURANCE. The Corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this section.

SECTION 9.04. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. The Corporation reserves the right to amend the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION in any manner now or hereafter permitted by the Code.

# ARTICLE 10

# ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND

# NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

SECTION 10.01. REGISTERED OFFICE. The address of the registered office of the Corporation is:

# 625 BEST AVENUE COEUR D'ALENE ID 83814

SECTION 10.02. REGISTERED AGENT. The name of the registered agent of the Corporation, and individual in Idaho whose business office is at such address is:

# ALLEN C. WORST

# **ARTICLE 11**

# DATA RESPECTING DIRECTORS

SECTION 11.01. QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS. Directors shall be members of the association, and shall be appointed by the then existing or remaining Directors, and if there be no such Directors then and only in that event shall be elected by the members and shall be assigned position numbers as set forth in Article 5.

SECTION 11.02. STAGGERED TERMS. The term of office of each Director shall expire as to directors positions number 1, one year from acceptance of appointment; as to director position number 2, two years from acceptance of appointment; and as to director position number 3, three years from acceptance of appointment, and said terms shall thereafter be staggered on a three year basis, any director to fulfill the unexpired term of a resigning or deceased director to fulfill only the balance of that unexpired term unless otherwise reappointed, at which time such reappointment shall commence upon the expiration of the unexpired term.

SECTION 11.03. INCREASE OR DECREASE OF DIRECTORS. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to the Articles of Incorporation; but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director.

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STATE OF IDAHO	)	ALLEN C. WORST Incorporator 625 Best Avenue	Coeur d'Alene, ID	- 83814
) ss. County of Kootenai	)			

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned to take acknowledgment in the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that on this day, personally appeared before me, ALLEN C. WORST, who, being by me first duly sworn, declare that he is a director referred in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and that he signed these Articles as such and that the statements contained therein are true.

NOTARY PUBLIC

RESIDING AT: Country dens MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2/20/