

## NEHA's Policy Priorities on Water

Environmental health is profoundly local and environmental health professionals mediate some of the most intimate parts of our lives: the food we place in our baby's mouths, the control of insects like mosquitos, and the water that rehydrates children after play time. Environmental health professionals save money, saves lives and protect the future

Only 28 states currently require a credential that is an impartial, third-party endorsement of an individual's professional knowledge and experience.

- x Congress shall require all 50 states and the District of Columbia to have their environmental health workforce receive a verifiable credential of environmental health knowledge.
- x The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that the 20,000 environmental health professionals are held by the same standard and have the same knowledge base in order to guarantee the same policies and procedures are being enforced across all communities and that they stay current in their education.
- x Formally authorize the CDC's National Environmental Health Tracking Program (also known as the Environmental and Health Outcome Tracking Network) and provide appropriate funding (\$100