THE NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE

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CONSUMER LITERATURE; BENEFITS OF OILHEAT / over 80M distributed
REALTOR’S GUIDE TO OILHEAT / over 50M distributed
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OILHEAT EFFICIENCY TEXTBOOK / GOLD TECHNICIAN MANUAL
TECHNICAL TRAINING VIDEO SERIES
POCKET SERVICE GUIDE
TANK MANUAL
HOME GUIDE
HOME INSPECTOR’S GUIDE TO OILHEAT
CONSUMER EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION / over 1 million distributed
After the major oil companies turned their focus away from heating oil... there wasn’t much being done to improve our industry. NORA has changed that. We now have a concerted effort to improve and promote Oilheat. They’re also providing a lot of training where more companies can take advantage of it.

— Dean Smith, President, Scott Smith & Son Inc., Oswego, N.Y.

NORA’s work on Bioheat® is something we have watched and taken advantage of... they have been very supportive. We have a Bioheat license and decals. Their support is something this industry needs.

— Bob Marandola, Owner, Marandola Fuel Service, New Milford, Conn.

From a training perspective, NORA helps a lot. We’re sending technicians to school all the time, improving their education and knowledge of equipment. That’s a real benefit. We’ve also used some of their brochures to communicate to customers about pricing, equipment upgrades and efficiency. That has worked very well for us and our customers.


NORA is helping us to good education at a reasonable price. The tank education program is excellent. It’s being rolled out across all the Oilheat states, and it’s making our industry look better.

— Jason Parker, President, Parker Fuel, Ellicott City, Md.

I went to a NORA supported meeting with Realtors. It was terrific. There wasn’t one agent in that room whose attitude toward Oilheat wasn’t turned around. I felt proud to be an oilman. NORA is doing a great job.

— Jim Horan, Owner, Horan Oil, Stoughton, Mass.

NORA is doing a lot to raise consumer awareness of the benefits of Oilheat. They have produced very nice marketing pieces.

— Rich Longacre, CEO, Farm & Home Oil Co., Telford, Pa.

Authorized by Congress in 2000, The National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) is a highly productive collaborative, administered from headquarters in Alexandria, VA, overseen by executives and managers within the industry, and designed to benefit the public via a flow of information, R&D for new products and fuel technology, and contemporary education for industry personnel. Making all this work are the over 9,000 Oilheat distributors in 22 states who contribute to the Alliance in terms of dollar support and use of NORA materials and training. Collectively, they are responsible for serving over 10 million homes every day of the year.
Michigan becomes latest state to join the Alliance.

NORA Board moves to establish a branding strategy and core message for Oilheat.

NORA focuses on a messaging campaign and Oilheat information access via the Internet. A redesigned OilheatAmerica.com website will be positioned as the resource link.

Tank training video to be introduced in conjunction with plans for substantial tank education program, including new manual.

Brookhaven National Laboratory to devise new method for computing Annual Fuel Use Efficiency (AFUE).

Materials for home inspectors to be upgraded.

Basic Oilheat Technical Training material undergoes makeover.

Special training course and recognition for high school students to be developed in conjunction with National Association of Oil Heating Service Managers (NAOHS).

Benfield Consulting assists NORA in gaining better understanding of the Oilheat industry by insurance underwriters.

Industry executives Michael Romita, Will Lawes, Larry Scuder, and Sean Cota to serve on NORA’s Executive Committee. Sean Cota to serve in an ex officio capacity.

NORA enters licensing agreement with the National Biodiesel Board for Oilheat industry use of registered term Bioheat®. As a result of the agreement, NORA has created a sublicense agreement without fees for Oilheat retailers.

Consumer Education: Larry Scuder, President, Combind Oil Corp., N.Y., assumes chair of consumer education committee, succeeding Jim Pierson, J.W. Pierson Company, N.J.

Education & Training: NORA establishes a protocol for developing a turn-key education and training program that can be adapted by state and regional associations. A typical starting curriculum includes: basic troubleshooting, basic electricity, combustion, and primary controls.

NORA collection system is amended to include the industry assessment on all low sulfur dyed distillate (No. 1 or No. 2) destined for end use heating consumption, regardless of sulfur content. This includes new low- and ultra-low sulfur distillate product used for heating applications. NORA will also collect on all heating fuel composites derived from conventional heating oil and biodiesel; i.e., Bioheat®.
NORA will consider funding for ongoing Oilheat R&D activities at Brookhaven National Laboratory and explore cooperative efforts with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for a new Oilheat and liquid fuels research facility. Saratoga Springs, N.Y. eyed as potential site for this venture.

NORA conducts December summit to explore the future role of Oilheat as it relates to Bioheat® and linkages to solar and a variety of emerging liquid fuel combinations. The aim is to have a research agenda that integrates with a marketing agenda before the public, that in turn would be coordinated with an implementation plan for the industry.

NORI to consider projects that would lead to development of new products including a small, ultra efficient water heater that could also be used for space heating; a combination oil/heat pump and a revolutionary condensing furnace. NORA will also inquire with proponents of coal-to-liquid fuels and how the process might integrate with heating oil in the future.

Evaluation of consumer information activities proves value of Internet for reaching diverse consumer audiences. Several hundred thousand click-throughs to the new OilheatAmerica.com site were received via banner and search engine links since the campaign was initiated in fall of 2006. The soybean interactive ad was the most popular in the series.
has made impressive strides on behalf of Oilheat in the relatively short span of time since the Alliance was formed. This includes the enhancement of fuel and heating appliances and the improved way our product is regarded and applied by its 9.5 million consumers.

We have reinvigorated many within the industry and we offer an enthusiastic outlook for the potential of Oilheat and liquid fuel derivatives in the years ahead. 2007 will represent our seventh year as a viable industry collaborative. Among our more notable achievements has been NORA’s capacity to sustain the outreach to consumers, technicians, and the industry at large — despite oil market and weather turbulence that has altered the landscape for all energy commodities.

Consumers are now much more informed about the nature of heating oil, how it is derived as an energy resource, and why price volatility is not attributable to the retailers who deliver the product to their homes. A steady succession of information messages via television, radio, and most recently the Internet has contributed greatly to the increased recognition and appreciation of Oilheat as a fuel. Technicians have more and better resources for continuing and advanced education than available a decade ago. NORA has certified over 10,000 personnel in recognition of their aptitude and skills for servicing a wide range of burner, heating and hot water systems. Our emphasis on training has been accompanied by more textbook and video instruction aids than heretofore available to this industry.

NORA’s strategic focus on storage tanks has been particularly rewarding. We have been able to benefit consumers, home insurance underwriters, and ourselves by creating textbook and video training about the importance of proper installation and maintenance of what essentially remains Oilheat’s lifeline for the home. Enrollment for training of personnel who interface with storage tanks continues to grow. NORA is also pleased to see that several manufacturers have introduced new and improved modes of storage.

We supported Research and Development with a greater portion of the NORA budget in 2006 than in past years. It is essential to NORA’s mission that we explore as many routes as possible for bringing new, clean and efficient technology to the home heating market. Our R&D affiliate, the National Oilheat Research Institute (NORI) has awarded several grants to parties capable of developing and field testing fuels, systems, and components with broad and practical market applications in mind. These projects are discussed on page 13 of this report.

As you’ll be able to judge by the contents of this report, a lot is happening within today’s Oilheat industry. Your participation in NORA is the core reason for this progress which can lead to the success of your business and the industry at large.

In closing, we report the passing of NORA’s first Chairman, Robert Greenes, in November 2006. Bob Greenes was instrumental in the formation of the Alliance and inspired all who worked diligently with him during the process and NORA’s early years of operation. We also thank Jack Sullivan, retiring in the spring of 2007, for his years of service as NORA Secretary.

Jim Townsend, Chairman
John Huber, President
National Oilheat Research Alliance
Our Internet advertisements, links, and messages in conventional broadcast media generated over 900,000 visits to our newly revamped OilheatAmerica.com website this past year. The introduction of Bioheat® and transition to “intelligent warmth” for today’s Oilheat were the driving forces behind those consumer visits.

With the introduction of low- and ultra-low sulfur fuels to the distillate stream, and now biofuels, the very nature of liquid fuels is undergoing transformation. Recognizing the need for newly derived clean fuels to serve the American public in the years ahead, NORI conducted a 2-day symposium in December to gain consensus for an Oilheat pathway as different fuels evolve. A summary was presented in our winter 2006-07 newsletter and is available at www.nora-oilheat.org.

The integration of Bioheat® product into heating oil continues to increase, albeit at a moderate pace. In 2006 NORA entered into a licensing agreement with the National Biodiesel Board in order to promote a uniform identity for this fuel blend. We anticipate widespread acceptance and growth of Bioheat® whose clean combustion performance has been documented extensively in studies and end user applications.
The advent of Bioheat® is being driven by market forces that are surrounding the heating fuels industry. From a desire to lessen this nation’s reliance on foreign energy sources, to the growing consumer preference for clean fuels, Bioheat responds as a liquid fuel composite that is proving easy for Oilheat distributors to integrate into existing delivery and home heating systems. Bioheat is effective in reducing sulfur, CO2, particulate and NOx emissions, all of which leads to markedly cleaner combustion. NORA has funded studies that demonstrate this product is better for the environment — and the heating unit. Bioheat is one more step to improving our product as a whole and has the potential to become a significant part of the Oilheat experience.

Bioheat is the accepted term for the blending of pure biodiesel and conventional home heating oil. To meet quality standards, it is essential that the heating oil meet its specification, ASTM D96, and the biodiesel must meet ASTM D6, before blending them together to create Bioheat. As with heating oil, original and composite biofuel products should be transported and stored under best industry practices and undergo periodic testing.
On behalf of the Oilheat industry, NORA has enlisted the support of the National Biodiesel Board (NBB) and leading burner manufacturers’ engineers and fuel consultants to have ASTM’s D396 standard amended to allow Bioheat product to qualify under the ASTM D396 specifications (up to a 5% blend ratio of biodiesel to heating oil). Approval is anticipated in the second half of 2007. Once approved, this would facilitate use of Bioheat in burners and heating appliances that meet provisions set by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). With these achievements in hand, more marketers are expected to embrace Bioheat to meet customer needs and expectations. The finished product is being introduced at more wholesale racks as additional dealers take on Bioheat.

Bioheat®

Bioheat* is a registered trademark, property of the National Biodiesel Board, accessible for use at no charge to Bioheat® distributing companies in NORA member states.

In May of 2006, the National Oilheat Research Alliance signed a subleasing trademark agreement and became industry partners with the National Biodiesel Board. As a result of the agreement, Bioheat marketers within the NORA member states may now use the Bioheat trademark without fees. NORA has created a simple sublicense agreement for this purpose which can be downloaded from www.nora-oilheat.org. Bioheat decals as shown can be acquired from the NORA office.
Recognizing the need to adapt to new and changing mediums for communications, NORA launched a substantial interactive, Internet consumer education campaign during 2006. Since its inception, NORA has faced two challenges in maximizing the effectiveness of its communication efforts. First, to ensure that people who make decisions about their heating systems receive information, and second, to maintain a level of consumer education in each of the Oilheat states.

The Internet, via the growing sophistication of search engine technology, has proven to be of immense help in reaching those objectives. While conventional media allow us to reach target audiences who fit certain demographics, the Internet allows us to provide a critical information link at the time the consumer has “heating on the brain,” i.e., poses a search about fuel and/or heating that can be responded to by Oilheat.

The Internet enables the fastest response to any consumer inquiry about heating oil and our industry, because the various search engine and banner links to OilheatAmerica.com provide a “real time” answer in a matter of seconds. No other medium has ever allowed such an efficient and effective response, short of direct face-to-face or telephone contact with a customer.

When people use a search engine, many of the terms associated with fuel and heating will now direct them to www.OilheatAmerica.com, NORA’s public access website which has been substantially revamped to provide a wealth of information about ways to heat a home, Oilheat systems and efficiency options, and the unique comfort benefits achievable with an Oilheat home. Additionally, as people search, the search engines track their interests. As a result, we are able to send information about Oilheat to people who have made inquiries about home heating systems.

In addition to search terms, NORA has placed banner ads on several of the larger home-centered real estate sites such as realtor.com, hgtv.com, and bhg.com. Each of these sites is directed to people who may be moving, remodeling, or want to improve their home comfort. When they visit these respective sites, they will be presented with a message about Oilheat with the opportunity to link to more detailed information.

Originally conceived as a supplement to conventional broadcast and print media, NORA opted to rely on the Internet as a mainstream component of our consumer outreach during 2006. The merit of that decision proved out over the fall months when interest in heating fuel and equipment is at its peak. NORA was able to track several hundred thousand “hits” to search engine pages and banner messages, and OilheatAmerica.com logged an impressive visit count during that time period attributable to our Internet campaign.

Encouraged by these first year results, NORA aims to make increased use of interactive messaging before the consumer in upcoming campaigns. We encourage all heating oil distributors who maintain websites to provide a link to OilheatAmerica.com.
Reducing NOx with Oilheat combustion systems

Nitrogen oxide emissions (NOx) were identified as an issue of concern in the competition between oil and other fuels. Research leading to low NOx emissions was identified as one of the high priorities for future Oilheat research.

In 2006, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) explored the technical feasibility of achieving NOx emission under 0 ppm, a factor of 0 lower than current yellow flame oil burners. Main technical routes to achieving this goal include ultra-low nitrogen content fuel, recirculating burners with special provision for startup, and vaporizing systems with porous media radiant burners. This goal has been achieved in laboratory systems and NORI will use this experience to determine how this might translate to practical burner designs.

Funded by NORA, the National Oilheat Research Institute (NORI) functions as the R&D affiliate of the Alliance. NORI establishes grant initiatives based upon its own and consultant assessments of fuel and heating products that have the best opportunity to become viable contributors to Oilheat growth during the next decade.

NORI’s success to date is evident by the commercial introduction of a very high efficiency condensing furnace unit in 2005, followed by an equally efficient boiler in 2006, as well as 2-stage modulation in a motor unit for furnaces — all of which enable heating contractors to meet expanded needs of the home marketplace.

In 2006 NORI established criteria for projects to support the development, demonstration, and commercialization of Oilheat technology and systems in these categories: biofuels and related fuel derivatives; flexible burners; fuel management, tanks and storage; new products; plus the submission of new ideas and concepts that could transform fuel delivery, storage and combustion to higher standards of efficiency and acceptance than are in use today.

To accelerate the scope of R&D activity from current and non-traditional resources, NORI was authorized to provide up to $2.4 million in cumulative grants over the next four years to encourage the development and successful introduction of products that can gain acceptance in new and retrofit home markets. The parallel objective is to reinforce to the American consumer that Oilheat is a safe, reliable and sustainable energy choice for the future.

NORI has stressed the need for higher efficiency to ensure units provide every possible BTU out of a gallon of heating oil. Advanced combustion units will significantly diminish unwanted emissions, allowing the industry to label Oilheat as clean or cleaner for air quality as compared to competing energy sources.

The projects aimed at producing higher efficiency equipment are:
— Two-stage burners with a minimum of 2 to 1 turndown ratio
— Modulating burners with 5 to 1 turndown ratio
— Advanced high efficiency boilers
— Combined condensing boiler/hot water heaters

The projects to understand emerging fuel technology include:
— Investigating new ultra low sulfur fuel in unit heaters
— Research advanced synthetic fuel for oil-fired burners

NORI also plans to look into introduction of hot water heaters for townhouses and condominiums, and new engineering that would enable oil-fueled heat pumps and absorption air conditioning to be packaged as one unit. All of these would represent new markets for Oilheat.

Several NORI-inspired projects will likely emanate from an industry summit held in December 2006 for the purpose of driving future fuel composites and heating products.
Education & Training
The Oilheat Industry has developed a curriculum to improve education in the industry and provide for excellence in all aspects of service to the consumer. Encouraging the best training for employees will ensure customers receive maximum value through cost efficient and complete repairs and quality service. A well trained workforce also enables the Oilheat industry to contribute to America’s future by providing safe and reliable home heating and cooling systems. NORA approved training aims to see that the most energy efficient installations occur, that units are properly vented, and that the homeowner is guaranteed a warm home on the coldest day with hot water for dishwashing, clothes washing and for all domestic uses.

A project is underway to provide expanded data and interactive accessibility to the NORAED.org website database. The eventual aim is to provide some form of expanded lookup capacity, perhaps to insurance agents and the public, with regard to how many certified personnel a company has on its staff and if any have successfully completed NORA’s tank training program.

**Advanced CEU Recognition:** NORA offers programs for HVAC Duct Design and Sizing, Hydronic Oilheat Systems, Air Conditioning and Oilheat, and Oil Tank Installation and Maintenance. In this respect, NORA has partnered with The Hydronic Institute to create a one day I=B=R Basic Hydronic Course that will serve as NORA’s certification course for this subject. These advanced courses are all seminar based, and feature a comprehensive exam, relying on established in-the-field industry textbooks for instruction. The tank course is the exception, having been developed solely by NORA, and linked to the new NORA storage tank manual and accompanying videos.

NORA has approved well over 200 courses that award CEUs, including a number of Internet courses sponsored by manufacturers and NORA’s own series of online exams that are derived from technical training videos accessible from NORA’s training library. (Visit NORAstore.org.)

**Oil Tank Training:** NORA has released the 2nd Edition of the book, *Heating Oil Storage Tanks, Guide for Quality Installation and Maintenance*. It is a highly instructive book and teaches by illustrated examples. Anyone who works on, delivers to, or installs oil storage tanks should obtain this manual, which NORA used to create a one-day course, exam, and certification. Home insurance underwriters have commended NORA for this program which is discussed in greater depth within the pages of this report. Certification for tank installers is independent of the service technician program and is awarded to all personnel who successfully complete the training.

**Vocational Training at the High School Level:** NORA teams up with NAOHSM to offer outreach to vocational and technical students. Because the current *NORA Oilheat Technician Manual* and Bronze exam appear to be too advanced for many students, the situation is being addressed by creating a textbook solely for high school students with an appropriate exam. Upon successful completion of this new course, the student will receive a level of recognition suited to this level of achievement.
Education Videos: A video on NORA’s new static underground tank test procedure developed by John Donahue is in production and will be introduced in 2007. The next tank video scheduled will be “Tank Inspection Procedures.”

New Basic Oilheat Technician Manual in the Offing (Silver Book): We are progressing on the formidable effort to update the Oilheat technician’s manual, NORA’s best selling educational product. This book is now over seven years old and a significant number of features have been added to today’s burners since that time. The new book will feature color graphics and will be structured, like our tank manual, to use many illustrative examples for teaching safe and practical Oilheat applications. Publication is anticipated in the fall of 2007.

Brookhaven Efficiency Testing Project: Brookhaven National Laboratory is working with NORA and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to create a combination space and water heating system efficiency measurement protocol. It is anticipated that this will revolutionize the way we measure heating system efficiency.

Though the project support falls under NORA’s R&D direction, it will be the Education and Training Committee’s job to disseminate the information gathered by Brookhaven to the Oilheat Industry. The effort will likely include an on-line efficiency calculator, a seminar, a booklet, and possibly a video. The goal is to create a useful tool that equipment sales people can use to calculate the efficiency of the existing equipment and the potential savings achievable by installing new, high efficiency equipment.
When NORA Directors recognized the need to address the importance of storage tanks as a way of maintaining customer loyalty, they acted quickly to create an action plan that has proven to be the correct strategy to improve how we, the industry, insurance underwriters, and the homeowner look at oil storage.

NORA moved to:
— educate insurance agents and underwriters about the home heating oil industry, tank storage and the efforts by the industry to improve the safety of these tanks
— advise about lower cost means of remediating tanks and landscapes
— develop better and stronger testing for underground tanks
— improve education methods and access to training for tank installation, inspection, and scheduled maintenance

**Educating Home Insurers:** Early in 2006 NORA conducted an educational forum for insurance executives in Boston, Mass. The attendees represented some of the leading home insurance underwriting companies.

The meeting sought to improve the home insurance market for people who heat with oil. This is an ongoing and multi-faceted priority that focuses on improving the construction technology for oil tanks, improving training for service personnel who work on tanks and keeping the insurance industry fully informed of our efforts. Each of these improvements will result in an improved experience for heating oil consumers.

The Boston program showed what NORA and Oilheat distributors are doing to improve the installation and upkeep of storage tanks along with new training provided to industry personnel. Consultant John Donohue shared his findings from research on static testing for underground storage. NORA President John Huber reviewed state trust funds and explained how they interact with private insurance, a topic of much interest among underwriters who, the industry has learned, are unfamiliar with some of the remediation procedures available to them (in the event of financial responsibilities due to a tank failure).

Our efforts are succeeding. At a Boston meeting and ensuing efforts, NORA and its insurance consultant have been able to educate insurers that Oilheat homes pose significantly less underwriting risk than insurers may have perceived. In April 2006 the Alliance and the Institute for Business and Home Safety presented a seminar for insurance carriers, environmental consultants and others responsible for managing environmental contamination associated with releases from heating oil tanks. This seminar covered site remediation, plus advice on working with contractors and state environmental overseers. This program earned NORA further credibility among insurers by showing them ways to set a protocol for claims management that can lower costs and lead to better resolutions.

**Proactive Storage Tank Education Measures**

NORA has published a second edition of the *Heating Oil Storage Tanks: Guide for Quality Installation & Maintenance* manual. The manual was rewritten for better comprehension and recent updates to NFPA & ICC Regulations, manufacturers’ installations and related documents. The book contains inspection forms that can assist fuel delivery companies at various stages of tank placement and inspection.

Posters for “Installing Above Ground Tanks” and “Delivering Heating Oil” accompany each tank manual while supply lasts.

A new training course certifies personnel for tank installation and inspection procedures. Conducted by state and regional associations, the course trains personnel to view storage as an integral part to the entire home heating system. The aim is to diagnose situations that can arise anywhere fuel flows, from tank to burner tip.

NORA has created a slide presentation to assist home insurers with Q&A surrounding fuel oil storage tanks. The presentation is available at NORA-oilheat.org as a PowerPoint™ download.

NORA’s updated *Home Inspection Guide* shows how an Oilheat system and components work. It covers topics from furnaces to tanks and is designed for home inspection professionals.
State and Regional Reports
Connecticut Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association (ICPA)

ICPA has entered a three-year program with “Build With Oil” to encourage Oilheat growth in the new home construction market. Direct mail and builder publications are used for outreach. Similarly, ICPA kept 12,000 Realtors informed about industry developments and new technology. New projects included direct mail and communications with HVAC contractors about high efficiency equipment and distribution of a new “Oilheat ambassador” piece for the industry’s employees.

E&T: ICPA runs its own Technical Education Center (ITEC) that is licensed by the state as a private technical training school. The core mission is to train individuals to enter the HVAC trades in the state which finds itself with 350-400 job openings left unfilled as the industry loses workers to retirement. In addition to efforts with the Conn. Dept. of Labor to attract students, ITEC actively seeks to train unemployed workers with support from the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

Technical seminars held by ITEC cover topics as diverse as EPA 608 Certification and installation of radiant heat. These seminars and state licensing classes served several hundred students in 2006.

NORA has helped by providing information. The statement stuffers and training materials have been good. Before NORA, we really had nothing. With NORA we have programs and materials and dealers working together, rather than just competing with each other like they did before NORA.

— John Hanson, Deluxe Fuel Oil Inc., Portland, Or.

We have used NORA statement stuffers which we have found helpful in getting our customers to understand Oilheat and its advantages.

— John Baltus, Baltus Oil, Marshfield, Wi.

We have used the radio spots for seasonal promotions and find the radio program very good. We have used some of the statement stuffers with our mailings.


I’m just a small dealer … but I did use one of the training videos and found it useful. I got a few pointers. The videos are a good idea.

— Harold Paxton, Paxton Oil Service, Bevard, N.C.

My company has used some of the flyers that NORA has produced and our customers have benefited from the information they provided. We have also found the training videos quite useful.

— Thea Zeisler, Petrom Oil, Chillicothe, Oh.

Regular maintenance or upgrading older systems can add years of additional heating efficiency. In our state, wholesale energy costs are up, we want you to know that we will do our utmost to keep our prices competitive. We do what we can to help you save money.

— Tom Bell, Sound Oil Co., So. Seattle, Wa.

The majority of consumers in the state regard the most trustworthy sources of energy information to be independent periodicals or groups, and Oilheat service technicians. According to ICPA, technicians rank ahead of every elected official except the Attorney General in consumer trustworthiness of energy information — even ahead of the media. “Your Energy Partner” spot messages focus on Oilheat’s partnership with consumers as well as modern, high efficiency equipment. In 2006, these messages were broadcast in spring and fall by a three-state consortium.

We can help you maximize energy dollars. We are the people who use the wholesale fuel costs both in the present and future to turn those aggregate dollars into your dollars. We can help you save money on your energy dollar.

— Harold Paxton, Paxton Oil Service, Bevard, N.C.

Conservation can help you lower heating costs.

• Find more energy saving info at http://www.icpa.org/tips.htm.

The majority of oil companies are able to help you get the most from your energy dollar. We can help you get the most from the energy you use.

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Idaho
Idaho Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Idaho has embarked on a program to seek out current, and solicit new, Oilheat service contractors and provide them with the training and resources to effectively install and service modern heating equipment.

The association aims to schedule NORA Bronze and Silver level training and testing, backed up with CEU classes that enhance the skills of service technicians. We plan to certify a NORA approved proctor and sponsor classes in at least two regions of the state. It’s hoped that this outreach will encourage HVAC contractors, plumbers, and electricians to establish relationships with the oil suppliers and gain an understanding of how to install and adjust Oilheat systems for efficiency and clean combustion.

Indiana
Indiana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Consumer: NORA funds are used to highlight the benefits of Oilheat. A companion effort that encourages homeowners to upgrade for improved efficiency is targeted at independent contractors, since that trade is responsible for the majority of new home installations and heating system upgrades and maintenance in the state.

Statewide Radio: NORA-produced radio messages were run statewide in February-March and September-October, 2006 using networked Indiana stations.

E&T: Technician Outreach Program — Through a partnership with the Indiana Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors association, NORA education materials Heating Oil Storage Tanks Guide for Quality Installation and Maintenance and the Basic Oilheat Technician’s Manual were issued to their membership with a letter of endorsement from their Executive Director. The association also conducted a heating service safety seminar.

Kentucky
Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association
Consumer: NORA-produced radio and television messages are being used to convey new technology and efficiencies achievable with Oilheat. Radio has proven the more effective medium for conveying Oilheat’s message, given the primarily rural demographics of the state.

Maine
Maine Oil Dealers Association (MODA)
Maine is bringing NORA’s “intelligent warmth” campaign to the public by adapting it to a series of three television messages, promoting the efficiency of today’s Oilheat with our tag line, “Great things come in small packages!”

With the success of our TV campaign we are using print messages, emphasizing both heating value from modern furnaces and boilers, and adjuncts such as side wall venting, indirect hot water heating and other devices that bring about higher efficiency. Maine supports the “Build with Oil” program, and has issued communications targeted at the new home specifier and builder audiences.

An additional radio and print campaign focuses on “tune-ups” by asking homeowners to do their part to make equipment more efficient and reliable through the tune-up process.

On the education front MODA continues to improve its state-of-the-art training facility for a quality level of training for Oilheat technicians. Hundreds of technicians have graduated from, or taken courses through, our NORA-supported facility and training curriculum. MODA also reaches out to state career centers, job placement service centers, and high schools in our effort to secure future professional workers for Oilheat. They offer scholarships and discounted training to eligible students via Maine’s NORA grant.
Massachusetts Oilheat Council (MOC)

Consumer: The Council funds a major radio campaign bearing the “Oilheat, Intelligent Warmth” tag line that runs on major radio stations in Boston, on Cape Cod, and in Worcester, Springfield and Pittsfield.

MOC also contributes to NORA’s internet campaign which features rich web media on Yahoo, Google, and key websites for home building and real estate.

MOC sponsors a sizeable exhibition at the popular Comcast New England Home Show in Boston. MOC’s booth features the latest in boilers, furnaces, tanks, and fuel savings devices.

MOC’s NORA education and training programs are highly successful due to partnerships with others in the industry. We team with NAOHSM to host tank training modules in key locations across the state, and work closely with NEFI to bring new technicians into the industry with scholarships for certification. We also promote and subsidize advanced technical training for existing technicians via course work on NORA Silver & Gold certification exams and the state oil burner code.

We also rolled out a very successful Realtor program. Literally hundreds of real estate agents attended the sessions giving high praise for the curriculum which addresses all aspects of oil heating — furnaces and boilers, tanks, fuel, heating oil pricing, petroleum supply and many other related topics.

Michigan

Michigan Petroleum Association
Michigan Association of Conv. Stores

Consumer: We exhibit at the Michigan Realtors trade show providing brochures and other literature. We conduct a statewide Radio campaign on 55 affiliate stations of the Michigan Radio Network using NORA radio messages, “Dave the Talking Oilheater.” Our statewide newspaper campaign using 48 daily publications across Michigan ran on two consecutive days with the NORA Ad “Oilheat Has Gotten Smarter. It Now Eats Its Vegetables.”

Michigan Oilheat dealers receive the “Michigan Energy Watch,” used as a billing insert or marketing piece for Oilheat customers.

Nevada

Nevada Petroleum Marketers & C-Store Association

Consumer outreach employs a direct marketing approach of pamphlets, billboards and continued support of a website devoted to providing consumers with information about Oilheat.

Education and training supports information provided to technicians, state energy auditors, home inspectors, and management and personnel in the Oilheat field.

New Hampshire

Oil Heat Council of NH

Our consumer campaign revolves around a grandfather figure talking with his granddaughter about the traditional values of Oilheat — leading to discussion of the modern benefits of “intelligent warmth.” Local New Hampshire television talent Fritz Wetherbee, N.H. spokesperson for several years, assumed the role of grandfather.

Fritz and TV granddaughter Hannah were also the voices on radio messages which ran statewide for three months on major stations. For print, NH Magazine was used, reflecting contemporary New Hampshire lifestyles. We also used rotating tile messages and web banners on NH Magazine’s & NH.com’s web pages. This was also supported by newspaper coverage.

E&T: Devoted 24 full scholarships for Oilheat training, plus support for NORA Gold and Silver certification for 100 technicians in the field.

New Jersey

Fuel Merchants Assn. of N.J. (FMA)

Consumer: FMA allocates its consumer messages on a 2-1 ratio between New York City and the Philadelphia market, since media on those two cities have the capacity to saturate New Jersey. The primary outlet remains radio. Surrounding NORA state associations are consulted with respect to media so as to avoid overlaps.

Since NORA’s inception FMA has strived to educate and train real estate agents about the benefits of Oilheat, including new, efficient heating systems and advances in Oilheat storage. Guided by the success of its Partnership for Realty and Oilheat Success (PRO$) Program, FMA now provides education and training to home inspectors in the state.

In 2006, more than 800 Realtors listened to our pro-oil message in office presentations conducted across the state. Thousands more requested materials that are being used in open houses to help homebuyers make informed choices about oil heat.
buyers overcome their concerns about Oilheat issues. Our Oilheat message reached 60,000 Realtors through our presence in the *NJ Realtor Magazine*.

E&T: During the course of the year FMA sponsors numerous training sessions for all levels of industry employees, including NORA Gold, Silver, and Bronze Technician certification and management seminars on how to comply with environmental and transportation regulations. FMA has started to conduct NORA Tank Certification courses and will distribute relevant materials to dealers in the state regarding the need for training on storage tank installation, inspection, and upkeep.

**Mid-Atlantic Region**

Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association (Delaware, Maryland, Washington D.C.)

Consumer programs are devoted to:
- Industry-wide public education.
- Public service messages for energy conservation.
- Continuing development of the MAPDA association web site to provide consumer information.
- Educating builders, real estate agencies and architects about the benefits of building new homes heated with oil.

New York Metro bus and train travelers get to learn about the advent of Bioheat® and the merits of Oilheat comfort in transit car posters and on card panels as shown here. “Hot Ideas” is a periodic newsletter available for Oilheat dealers to issue to customers in the metro NYC area.

New Hampshire’s consumer education program focuses on meeting the heating needs of older and newer generations with systems that provide “intelligent warmth.”

**Oil heat has always been COMFORTABLE.**

When it comes to keeping warm, everyone has a different idea of what’s “comfortable.” Some like it toasty; others a little less toasty. But one thing is for sure, with oil’s consistent and even heating, you’ll always feel cozy and have plenty of hot water—even on the coldest winter nights.

**Today’s oil heat is also TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED.**

When it comes to today’s oil heat, you’ll be amazed by the new technology available—better burners, sophisticated controls and electronics—and highly trained technicians who can ensure efficiency and quality for your system. To learn more about the benefits of the new generation of oil heat and about upgrading your system, call your local New Hampshire oil heat dealer or log on to intelligentwarmth.com.
New York State

Funds are administered by Empire State Petroleum Association (ESPA), the statewide NORA representative and allocated to the respective regional associations.

New York Oil Heating Assn. (NYOHA)

As NYOHA has done in the past, it conducted substantial radio and “out-of-home” (i.e., billboard and transit) campaigns throughout the NYC metro area. Much of that activity was in conjunction with the Tri State Oilheat Consumer Alliance. NYOHA has gained a great deal of attention for Oilheat by utilizing king size bus posters, exterior signage, and NYC subway car cards.

E&T: NYOHA continues to support three local vocational high schools by updating their NYOHA dedicated heating laboratories, and testing its graduating students for NORA Bronze Certification.

NYOHA distributes two newsletters — a consumer-friendly newsletter entitled Hot Ideas! and a Realtor/Home Inspector oriented newsletter entitled The NY Realtor. NYOHA has joined five local Realtor-related associations, and also reaches that workforce by having a presence at trade shows. NYOHA conducted five Realtor Breakfasts throughout four of the City’s five boroughs, and one in Westchester County. They provided “welcome home” and Realtor-targeted storage tank education brochures, in Spanish and English versions.

Whereas twenty-two percent of New Yorkers speak and/or read Spanish, a Spanish version of NYOHA’s website is being considered as a way of expanding public outreach.

Hudson Valley Oil Heat Council

Funds are allocated to support the Tri-State (N.Y., Conn., N.J.) cooperative effort of using NORA-materials produced at the national level for consumers. A comprehensive Realtor program receives major funding. The balance of NORA activity is devoted to our central state Oilheat website and pertinent consumer literature and direct mail items.

E&T: We are acquiring new equipment for training classes and distributing our newsletter to industry members in the region.

Oil Heat Institute of Eastern New York

OHIENY devotes about 60% of NORA funds to consumer information, with the balance used for education and training. We continue to use radio and television messages developed by NORA for consumer broadcasts using media that cover eastern New York State. Our Oilheat-Realty Partnership Program is very successful. It aims to educate realtors and consumers about the benefits of oil-heated homes.

E&T: Training is offered by Hastings Technical Training Center, Troy, N.Y., and through NORA certification classes as needed by various industry instructors.

Oil Heat Comfort Corp. Inc. (OHCC) serving Long Island

OHCC uses radio, television, print and “out-of-home” advertising developed by NORA. We also conduct an extensive Realtor Outreach Education Program on Long Island.

E&T: We place a strong emphasis on technical education and proficiency, using the resources of Suffolk County Community College for a detailed HVACR program and use the services of a technical training consultant to coordinate this program. We also conduct a “Careers in Oilheat Development Program,” relying on local advertising for OHCC-sponsored classes, various career awareness programs and various equipment, materials/supplies/books.

North Carolina

North Carolina Petroleum Marketers Association (NCPMA)

NCPMA targets both Realtors and Homeowners by way of NORA funding. In 2006, 70,000 North Carolina homeowners received four issues of Hot Stuff! newsletters from their local oil dealers. These newsletters focus on strengthening the relationship between homeowner and oil dealer while detailing all of the benefits of heating with oil. They feature information on key topics, such as advances in technology, budget programs and automatic delivery.

The Realtor outreach continues to be a success. Thousands of Realtors visited the trade show booths across the state, to gather pro-oil information that can help them list and sell more oil heated homes. More than 40,000 Realtors received the pro-oil message eight times a year through an “advertising” campaign that’s featured in the Tar Heel Realtor Magazine.

We are using lighted billboards on twelve interstate highways and supplement these in smaller markets with paper poster billboards. Individual dealers have been encouraged to participate by renting their own billboard space with NCPMA providing the posters. NCPMA augments the Realtor and billboard messages with “intelligent warmth” radio and newspaper material in selected markets.

Our commitment to industry training grows each year by way of technical training, new “hands on” equipment, training manuals, support of community college HVAC edu-
cational programs, and related materials.

Ohio
Ohio Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (OPMCA)
Realtors and homeowners are Ohio’s key target audience to advance Oilheat. The 2006 OPMCA program was comprised of two components; strengthening existing Oilheat homeowner opinion of fuel, and targeting Realtors who are generally not familiar with the benefits of Oilheat in order for them to properly represent our fuel to home buyers.

Over 120,000 existing Oilheat homeowners received newsletters from their Oilheat dealer through NORA funding several times during the year. These newsletters serve as a communications tool for retail distributors and provide data helpful to consumers information on conserving energy, upgrading heating equipment and choosing a proper delivery and payment program.

The Realtor component of our program continues to generate a welcome response from Realtors who participate. Dozens of offices received the proactive information, including the NORA Real Estate Agent’s Guide to Selling Oil-Heated Homes and the Homeowner’s Guide to Heating With Oil.

Oregon
Oregon Petroleum Association (OPA)
Consumer: Oregon targets “Today’s Oilheat” message at Realtors that still manage to have erroneous concepts of how a modern Oilheat system functions. Space in publications, speakers at Realtor meetings and a telephone help desk to answer Realtor questions on Oilheat issues bolster our efforts. The association is also able to convey that Oilheat homes are valued by customers.

OPA created literature to address the large environmental audience in the state. A Bioheat® seminar was held for association members and interested groups members in conjunction with the Oregon Environmental Council. More programs of this nature are planned.

Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (PPMCSA)
PPMCSA, its NORA Committee, and local marketing groups use a variety of consumer education programs to improve public knowledge of Oilheat and provide this information statewide to over 1.2 million households. We use a statewide radio network for the most extensive information reach throughout the state.

The association also encourages more local heating distributor and realty broker tie-ins and sponsors meetings to foster these relationships. We also participate in the builder’s exposition in Harrisburg, the state capital.

E&T: PPMCSA has recognized approximately 1,600 technicians at different stages of NORA Bronze, Silver or Gold certification. The association has an extensive heating training center at its Harrisburg headquarters.

In 2006, PPMCSA enhanced the current training programs for Oilheat technicians, drivers and company staff by scheduling over 65 training programs.

Rhode Island
Oil Heat Institute of Rhode Island
The Institute relies on the radio and TV information messages developed by NORA to reach consumers in the state.

Our education and training support for the industry consists of scholarships to basic Oilheat technical training at the New England Institute of Technology, Providence and pe-
periodic heating unit and tank certification seminars within the state.

**Vermont**

**Vermont Fuel Dealers Association (VFDA)**

Our comprehensive Oilheat information campaign relies on NORA-created material for broadcast, since many Vermont households receive Boston, Albany and NYC stations via their cable outlets.

Our use of education and training funds goes to support heating equipment purchases and a limited scholarship program.

We are seeking to establish a new training lab at the Bennington, VT Career Development Center (CDC). CDC has committed sufficient square footage for both the placement of Oilheat equipment and classroom space to house ten or more pieces of oil-fired equipment for technical training.

**Virginia**

**Virginia Petroleum, Convenience & Grocery Association (VPCGA)**

Consumer: VPCGA aims to make residents aware of the benefit and modern characteristics of Oilheat and to continue the industry’s education of energy conservation measures that help them to reduce fuel use through increased efficiency. Outreach includes, brochures, direct mail, and website information.

E&T: VPCGA provides education service for the owners and employees of petroleum marketing companies in the state, with special focus on hands-on training for Oilheat technicians.

**Washington**

**Pacific Northwest Oil Heat Council**

Consumer: Using radio and television broadcast messages developed by NORA.

Our comprehensive Oilheat information units works to display Oilheat systems and resources available to architects, builders, and construction specifiers. Advertisements like the one shown appear in magazines to those trades. Several state groups have undertaken parallel efforts on a more local scale.

A series of “Build With Oil” marketing units works to display Oilheat systems and resources available to architects, builders, and construction specifiers. Advertisements like the one shown appear in magazines to those trades. Several state groups have undertaken parallel efforts on a more local scale.

**Wisconsin**

**Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (WPMCSA)**

Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association uses the creative material developed by NORA for use on the statewide radio network and in print messages aimed at Realtors to stress Oilheat value and efficiency.

In 2006 the Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association used NORA funds for:

— a speaker and printed educational material to address Valley Area home inspectors. Thirty-five home inspectors attended this event.

— an education seminar for Oilheat dealers at the WPMCSA 2006 Convention.

— a session on how to inspect Oilheat systems, attended by 40 members of the Madison chapter of the Wisconsin Home Inspectors Association.

— a booth at the Wisconsin Realtors trade show to disseminate brochures and relevant information.
A delegation representing the National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) gained insight to the workings of the European Oilheat industry during a September 2006 conference with the IWO (Institute of Efficient Oil Heating Systems) and the OWI (Oel-Wärme-Institut gGmbH), in Aachen, Germany. The visit included a tour of OWI facilities, which was founded in 1998 and has an annual budget of 3.5 million euros. OWI’s research into low-temperature boilers shows that they can be as efficient as condensing units. Many Europeans are turning to systems that combine Oilheat with solar, which can reduce fuel consumption dramatically but are expensive to install.

IWO is a collaborative organization comparable to NORA in mission, but with reliance on oil refiners, importers and manufacturers for funding — far more so than the retail distribution that supports NORA. With a staff of 57 and a budget of 15 million euros, IWO is responsible for lobbying, public relations, marketing, training, engineering and research for the Oilheat industry. In Germany, Oilheat has 32 percent of market share, serviced by 3,800 oil dealers and about one service technician for every 325 of the total 6.5 million customers. Oil dealers generally do not offer service. IWO is supporting extensive research in biofuel usage, with a focus on the fuel/equipment interface.

The industry is working to hold onto its market share by presenting Oilheat as an efficient fuel with a secure source of supply and the potential for sustainability through biofuels. Identifying older heating systems and promoting customer upgrades is a priority because manufacturers are operating under directives from the European Commission to raise efficiency in light of the high level of fuel imports. The directives require new systems to use “eco-design,” which mandates increased efficiency, reduced electricity consumption, decreased emissions, ability to use renewable fuels, and labeling emphasizing efficiency and decibel levels.

Setting Germany apart from the American market, customers generally have tanks holding 1,000 gallons or more and require only one delivery in a typical year. Most customers pay for all their oil upon delivery, though budget plans are available. There are no programs for fixed or capped prices. Many customers request premium oil, which is treated with additives stored on the delivery truck and blended at delivery. Instead of fill whistles, German customers have an electronic alarm that connects to the delivery truck. It has to be plugged in to make an electric circuit or no oil will leave the truck.
Remarks from NORA’s Treasurer:

The Finance Committee of the National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) is comprised of Chairwoman Heaney, and Messrs. Allen, Baran, Buhrmaster, Carini, Devine, Keyser, Lipton, Maniscalco, Scuder, and Townsend in an Ex-Officio capacity. The Committee’s responsibilities include oversight with respect to:
— the quality and integrity of NORA’s financial statements;
— the accounts of the National Oilheat Research Institute (NORI), a 501 (c) (3) organization that is a wholly owned subsidiary of NORA established for the purposes of conducting selected research and development projects;
— the independent auditor’s qualifications;
— the performance of NORA’s internal accounting function;
— and the compliance with all accounting and regulatory requirements.

Also included within the purview of the Finance Committee is the preparation of all reports required to be included in NORA’s Annual Report as stipulated in the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000, Public Law 106-469.

In reference to 2006 programs, including Consumer Education Production, Research and Development, Education and Training, and State Grants, NORA allocated a total of $14,351,283. In 2005 NORA committed $6,490,343, but we must be mindful that NORA was not re-authorized until August 8, 2005, with the collection process not commencing until September 1, 2005.

Grants involving 2006 Consumer Education, which included Production, totaled $13,050,559, as compared to $5,220,343 in 2005. Research and Development, via NORI, was allocated $637,862 in 2006 as compared to $1,000,000 in 2005, and Education and Training was allocated $662,862 in 2006 as compared to $120,000 in 2005.

NORA’s total 2006 administrative expenses amounted to $520,275, which equates to 9% less than 2005’s administrative expenses of $571,782. The change in unrestricted net assets, due to this winter’s late start and energy conservation efforts, has resulted in a decrease in net assets of ($1,534,122). After factoring in the beginning of the year’s net assets of $3,583,656, NORA ends calendar year 2006 with total net assets amounting to $2,049,534.

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Maniscalco, Treasurer
National Oilheat Research Alliance

Independent Auditor’s Report

Board of Directors
National Oilheat Research Alliance, Inc.
Alexandria, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of the National Oilheat Research Alliance, Inc. as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows and for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Alliance’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Oilheat Research Alliance, Inc. as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

ROSS, LANGAN & MCKENDREE, L.L.P.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA
JUNE 20, 2007
## National Oilheat Research Alliance, Inc.

### EXHIBIT A: CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND DECEMBER 31, 2005

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### EXHIBIT B: CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND DECEMBER 31, 2005

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<td>Other income</td>
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<td>Education and training</td>
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<td>Tank insurance</td>
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<td><strong>Total administrative expenses</strong></td>
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<td>General and special projects: Special projects</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</strong></td>
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### EXHIBIT C: CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND DECEMBER 31, 2005

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<td>Change in unrestricted net assets</td>
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<td>Adjustments to reconcile change in unrestricted net assets to net cash provided by operating activities</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
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<td>(Increase) decrease in prepaid/other current assets</td>
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<td>(Decrease) decrease in publication inventory</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in grants payable and state grant obligations</td>
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<td><strong>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Purchase of property and equipment</td>
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See independent auditor’s report. The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
The National Oilheat Research Alliance, Inc. (the Alliance) is a non-profit trade organization developed under the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 (NOARA). Public Law 106-469, legislation passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law in November, 2000. The Alliance was created to educate consumers about the benefits of oil heat, to perform research and development, and to provide better customer service. The Alliance’s Board consists of members from the oil heat industry, retail markets, wholesale distributors, public members, and representatives from the states with the highest oil heat sales. The Alliance was incorporated on January 31, 2001.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting and Consolidation

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Alliance and National Oilheat Research Institute (NORI), its wholly-owned subsidiary, after the elimination of all material inter-company transactions and balances.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenue and the disclosure of contingencies, if any at the date of the financial statements.

Assessment Revenue

The NOARA law requires wholesale distributors of No. 1 distillate and No. 2 dyed distillate to remit an assessment of two-tenths of one cent per gallon at the point of sale. If the No. 1 distillate or No. 2 dyed distillate is imported after the point of sale, the assessment is to be made when the product enters the United States. The assessments are to be remitted to the Alliance quarterly.

Assessments Receivable

An estimate of assessments to be received, but not remitted to the Alliance at the end of the reporting period, are made based on industry statistics. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment purchased in excess of $1,000 are recorded at cost. Depreciation of furniture, office and computer equipment is computed by using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Estimated useful lives by category are:

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<th>Property and Equipment</th>
<th>Estimated Useful Lives</th>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture</td>
<td>5 years</td>
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<td>Office equipment</td>
<td>7 years</td>
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<td>Computer equipment</td>
<td>3 years</td>
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Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Alliance considers all investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Publications Inventory

Inventory consists of publications and is recorded at cost.

Consumer Education

Consumer Education costs are expensed as incurred. Consumer Education activities include direct communications with consumers through broadcast media (television and radio), direct mail, internet and outdoor advertising. Total costs for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were $7,811,320 and $3,911,750, respectively.

Interest Income

Interest income earned on the Alliance’s cash deposits is not allocated to specific projects. When the budgeting and cash flow needs of the Alliance are more readily determinable, interest income will be utilized to advance the Alliance’s programs.

NOTE 3 - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Alliance qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(6). Consequently, the Alliance is exempt from Federal and state income tax except for income tax on unrelated business income. There were no unrelated business activities in 2006 and 2005.

NOTE 4 - COMMITMENTS

The Alliance entered into two operating leases for office space. The leases call for monthly payments of $1,865, contain lease terms of twelve months and are renewable annually. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 totaled $26,872 and $23,384, respectively.

NOTE 5 - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CAP

NORA, Public Law 106-469, requires that the Alliance limit expenditures for “Administrative” expenses to seven percent of gross revenue generated by assessment remittances.

NOTE 6 - PROGRAM SERVICES

Research and Development

The Alliance committed 4.87 percent in 2006 and 11.52 percent in 2005 of assessment revenue, net of collection costs and the Board designated reserve, for oil heat research and development grants. The 2006 commitment totaled $637,862. The 2005 commitment totaled $1,000,000.

Education and Training

The Alliance committed 5.06 percent in 2006 and 1.38 percent in 2005 of assessment revenue, net of collection costs and the Board designated reserve, for grants related to consumer education. The 2006 commitment totaled $662,862. The 2005 commitment totaled $120,000.

State Grants

The Alliance committed 11.82 percent in 2006 and 11.52 percent in 2005 of assessment revenue, net of collection costs and the Board designated reserve, for grants related to education and training. The 2006 commitment totaled $662,862. The 2005 commitment totaled $1,000,000.

State Grants

The Alliance has committed .06 percent in 2006 and .6 percent in 2005 of net assessment revenue for state grants. In addition, the costs for the consumer education production program were incurred by the Alliance on behalf of the states. Thus, the total commitment for state grants was $13,050,558 or 97.9 percent of net assessment revenue. The 2005 commitment totaled $5,220,343.

State Grants

The Alliance is mandated by law to establish a program coordinating the operation of the Alliance with the operator of any similar state or local program. Remittances to state programs are required to equal 15 percent of the assessment revenue collected in the state. During 2006, the Alliance is distributing 101 percent of its net assessment revenue as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Assessment revenue</td>
<td>$13,330,306</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: collection costs</td>
<td>(228,592)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assessment revenue</td>
<td>$13,101,714</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grants and state grants</td>
<td>(103.54 percent of net assessment revenue)</td>
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NOTE 7 - GRANTS PAYABLE

The Alliance enters into various grant agreements which may require periodic payments of grant funds. The outstanding grant liability is as follows:

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<th>Grant Agreement</th>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Research and Development</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>$1,424,142</td>
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<td>Development</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>$1,629,353</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>$252,933</td>
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<tr>
<td>Training</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>115,647</td>
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<tr>
<td>Consumer Education</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>$235,564</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>$374,972</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>$2,119,972</td>
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NOTE 8 - BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

The Board has designated an amount equal to ten percent of annual assessments to be reserved in response to unpredictable weather patterns. The funds will be utilized in future years, with Board approval, to advance the Alliance’s programs. The Board designated net assets at December 31, 2006 and 2005 totaled $1,418,871 and $1,629,296, respectively. The Board released funds during 2006.

NOTE 9 - ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION COSTS

Assessments and collection costs include the costs incurred to process annual assessments, to publicize the collection system and to ascertain compliance as stipulated by NOARA law. Collection costs consist of the following:

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<td>Legal fees</td>
<td>$90,000</td>
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<td>Accounting fees</td>
<td>85,360</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>53,232</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$228,592</td>
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The Alliance has also developed an audit system for collections compliance, and has the legal authority to conduct audits to ensure member compliance.

NOTE 10 - NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The National Oilheat Research Institute (NORI) is a 501(c)(3) organization created by the Alliance for the purposes of conducting selected research projects. The Alliance has provided the majority of NORI’s funding. Project funding, totaling $637,861 and $1,000,000, has been approved by the Alliance board for 2006 and 2005, respectively. Actual distributions of approved funding totaled $660,121 in 2006 and $978,164 in 2005.

NOTE 11 - ASSESSMENT REFUNDS

Assessment revenue excludes collections which will be returned as refunds. The Alliance collects assessments on all heating oil defined as dyed distillate. Under NOARA’s collections rules, any dyed distillate or blends are subject to assessment. Some of this fuel is used for non-heating applications and is refunded. The Alliance anticipates refunds will approximate $.15 million per year and has established the appropriate reserve. As actual refunds are paid, the reserve is adjusted. Refunds for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were $1,583,403 and $948,755, respectively.

NOTE 12 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Alliance maintains cash deposits with Merrill Lynch in excess of federally insured limits of $100,000. However, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) protects securities and cash in Merrill Lynch accounts for up to $500,000 per client for securities (including up to $100,000 for cash). Merrill Lynch has also obtained coverage in excess of the SIPC limits. On December 31, 2006, the Alliance had $4,552,827 in excess of federally insured limits.
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