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Introduction

Papers presented at this conference are the result of participation in the 2022 WERC Environmental Design Contest hosted by the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University.

Now in its 32nd year, the Design Contest is modeled after an engineering RFP, challenging college teams to solve problems in emerging areas of environmental concern. Teams submit a technical report, give an oral presentation, present a conference-style poster, and demonstrate a working bench-scale model of their design. WERC independently tests all results during the contest, and judges are professional engineers who share a wealth of expertise with the contestants.

Twenty one teams competed in the design contest. Of those teams, judges recommended eleven technical reports to be considered for publication. From that subset, a group of three papers were determined to be eligible for publication after a second review process.

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