



### **NALA Systems Selected as Finalist for 2021 NC TECH Awards**

Durham, NC [September 23, 2021 – NALA Systems has been selected as a finalist for the [NC TECH Awards](#) Industry Driven - CleanTech award. The NC Tech Awards is North Carolina's only statewide technology awards program that recognizes innovation, growth and leadership in the tech sector and is presented by the [NC TECH \(North Carolina Technology Association\)](#).

NALA's new membranes for desalination will reduce the cost and complexity of reverse osmosis operations and ultimately lead to increased adoption of critical energy-saving membrane technologies to support greater access to water for industry, agriculture, and personal use. Membrane based reverse osmosis is used to produce drinking water from salty water, but it is also valuable in industrial applications including concentrations, high purity water, and treating wastewater for disposal or reuse. Industries including food processing, Agtech, mining, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, textiles, and semiconductor manufacturing all utilize RO membranes and have specific needs for better RO membranes that vary but all include better chemical resistance and durability that NALA membranes will offer.

"For over 20 years, NC TECH has celebrated companies, organizations and individuals for outstanding achievement at the NC TECH Awards. As a finalist this year, NALA Systems has distinguished itself as one of the state's innovative and emergent leaders," stated Brooks Raiford, NC TECH's President and CEO.

"We are honored to be selected as a finalist for the NC Tech Awards Industry Driven-CleanTech award. NALA's innovative new membranes will expand access to clean water, reduce the carbon footprint of RO system operations, and reduce the environmental impact of chemical laden waste streams. The need for new water technologies has traditionally been overshadowed by the push to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but both missions are critical to curbing the impacts of climate change. So, thank you NC Tech for bringing water into the Cleantech conversation in North Carolina!"-Sue Mecham, CEO NALA Systems

#### **About NC TECH**

NC TECH is a not-for-profit, membership-driven trade association and the primary voice of the technology industry in North Carolina. NC TECH's mission is to foster growth and champion innovation in North Carolina's tech sector, while providing a voice for the tech community. NC TECH's membership includes 600 member companies, organizations and institutions employing more than 200,000 workers in North Carolina. For more information, visit [nctech.org](https://nctech.org).

### **About NALA Systems**

NALA Systems is a women led Cleantech startup company dedicated to bringing better reverse osmosis membranes to market to reduce costs and expand the use of reverse osmosis as a key technology for solving water challenges in the U.S. and globally. NALA's new materials differentiate NALA membranes from all other reverse osmosis membranes in the market and they will be the only high rejection chlorine tolerant membranes; finally enabling simplified low-cost operation and maintenance by eliminating biofouling and extending membrane lifetime. NALA Systems is currently based and growing at First Flight Venture Center in RTP, NC. [www.nalasytems.com](http://www.nalasytems.com). You can also contact Sue Mecham by email at [simecham@nalasytems.com](mailto:simecham@nalasytems.com) or by phone at (540) 230-5606.

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