



# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SEMINAR

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

MARRIOTT MADISON WEST  
1313 JOHN Q HAMMONS DRIVE, MIDDLETON, WI 53562

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

This seminar provides municipal officials, treatment plant operators, consultants, and government employees with an overview and update of current issues. Coverage on a wide array of environmental issues is presented by recognized experts within the water-quality field.

### GENERAL SEMINAR INFORMATION

**Fee:** \$80.00 Pre-Registration ends on 2/15/18      \$100.00 Day of Seminar or after 2/15/18  
(both fees include program materials, breaks, and lunch) (On-line registration ends on 2/18/18)

**Payment:** Please return this form with your payment (pre-payment required) before 2/16/18. On-site registrations will only be accepted with full payment at time of registration. Purchase orders and direct company billing will NOT be accepted. Make checks payable to **WVOA**. Credit Cards accepted: MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover (3% surcharge for all credit card registrations) Send registration and payment to: WVOA, PO Box 451, Baraboo, WI 53913-0451

**Register On-Line with a credit card\* at:** <https://www.wwoa.org/conference/> (\*there will be a 3% surcharge added to all credit card purchases: \$82.40 Pre-Registration and \$103.00 at the door) (On-line registration ends on 2/18/18)

**Credits:** WDNR CECs for attendance: **6 hours General Septage and Wastewater**      **NOTE:** PDH credits available at registration table

**Lodging:** Each registrant is responsible for his or her own hotel reservations. Make your reservations early! (\$140 single/double) Rooms will be held at the Marriott Madison West until 5:00 pm, January 15, 2018 (Marriott Hotel 608.831.2000, use code: Government Affairs Seminar)

### COMMITTEE

*Jeff Smudde*, Co-Chair, Watershed Programs Manager, NEW Water  
*Sharon Thieszen*, Co-Chair, Field Services Manager, NEW Water  
*Jonathan Butt*, Project Manager, Symbiont  
*Brent Brown, P.E.*, Project Manager, CH2M, Inc.  
*Jane Carlson, P.E.*, Senior Assoc., Strand Associates, Inc.  
*Jerry Deschane*, Executive Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities  
*Kevin Freber*, Manager, City of Watertown Water & WWTP  
*Jennifer Jerich*, Wastewater Engineer, WDNR  
*Paul Kent*, Senior Partner, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP  
*Kathy Lake, P.E.*, Environmental Specialist, Madison Metro Sewerage Dist.  
*Sue Leith*, Marketing Manager, Ayres Associates  
*Bernie Robertson, P.E.*, WDNR Construction Management Engineer  
*Vanessa Wishart*, Attorney, Stafford & Rosenbaum, LLP

### SPEAKERS

*Travis Anderson*, Strand Associates  
*Michelle Balk*, WDNR  
*Greg Baneck*, Outagamie County Land & Water Conservation Department  
*Jerry Deschane*, League of Wisconsin Municipalities  
*Laura Dietrich*, WDNR  
*Leon Downing*, CH2M  
*Autumn Fisher*, City of Fond du Lac WWTP & RRF  
*Keith Haas*, Racine Water & Wastewater Utilities  
*Angela James*, AAJ Legal  
*Paul Kent*, Municipal Environmental Group  
*Jason Knutson*, WDNR  
*Kathy Lake*, Madison MSD  
*Bill Schaumberg*, Tilth Agronomy Group  
*Tom Sigmund*, NEW Water  
*Jeff Smudde*, NEW Water  
*Leif Spidle*, Village of Brooklyn WWTP  
*Adrian Stocks*, WDNR  
*Nathan Wells*, WDNR  
*Vanessa Wishart*, Stafford & Rosenbaum, LLP



## SEMINAR AGENDA

7:30 **Registration**

8:00 **Welcome/Opening Remarks**—Sharon Thieszen

**Session Moderator: Jane Carlson**

8:10 **Keynote Speaker: It's All About Relationships**—Keith Haas, Racine Water & Wastewater Utilities

8:40 **Navigating the Political Rulemaking Process**— Paul Kent, Municipal Environmental Group

9:00 **WDNR Current Expectations**— Adrian Stocks, Michelle Balk, Nathan Wells, WDNR

9:45 **A.M. Break**

**Session Moderator: Brent Brown**

10:00 **Adaptive Management: Can Our Partnership Templates Work for You?** - Jeff Smudde, NEW Water and Kathy Lake, Madison MSD

10:50 **A Real World Example of Trading (and Considerations for Improving Trading Viability)**— Leif Spidle, Village of Brooklyn WWTP, Travis Anderson, Strand Associates

11:50 **Fond du Lac's Decision to Enter the Multi-Discharger Variance**— Autumn Fisher, City of Fond du Lac WWTP & RRF

11:35 **A County's Perspective of Watershed Partnerships with WWTPs**— Greg Baneck, Outagamie County Land & Water Conservation Dept.

11:40 **An Agronomist's (& Farmer's) Perspective of Watershed Partnerships**— Bill Schaumberg, Tilth Agronomy Group

**12:00 Lunch**

**Session Moderator: Vanessa Wishart**

1:00 **League of WI Municipalities Update**— Jerry Deschane, League of WI Municipalities

1:20 **Treatment Technologies & Risk-based Decision Making for Lower Phosphorus Limits**—Leon Downing, CH2M, Tom Sigmund, NEW Water

2:00 **Update on Variance Process**—Laura Dietrich, WDNR

2:25 **Current Issues with Variances from the Dischargers' Perspective**— Vanessa Wishart, Stafford & Rosenbaum, LLP

2:45 **P.M. Break**

**Session Moderator: Jennifer Jerich**

3:00 **TMDL Update: The Discharger's Playbook**—Angela James, AAJ Legal

3:15 **WDNR Update**—Jason Knutson, WDNR

3:45 **Seminar Adjourns**

4:00 **WDNR Available for Permittee Variance Discussion (Optional)**

For a more in-depth look at the Government Affairs Seminar Agenda, Click on the In-Depth Government Affairs Seminar Agenda on the WWOA website: [www.wwoa.org/calendar/2018-government-affairs/](http://www.wwoa.org/calendar/2018-government-affairs/)

Please note that speakers/topics are subject to change

## REGISTRATION FORM

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DNR Certification # \_\_\_\_\_

(Must scan out for CEC credits)

Do you need PDH credits/Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \$80 Pre-Registration (ends on 2/15/18) (\$82.40 w/3% surcharge)  
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\_\_\_\_ \$100 On-Site Registration (after 2/15/18) (\$103.00 w/3% surcharge)  
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**Please notify of any special needs by 2/8/18.**

**No refunds given after 2/8/18**

**Return registration form by mail or email with payment**

**By February 15, 2018 to:**

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