

Government Affairs Seminar

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Seminar Agenda

7:30 Registration

8:00 Welcome/Opening Remarks— Sharon Thiesen

Session Moderator: Jane Carlson

8:10 Keynote: **It's All About Relationships – Keith Hass**, 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 and Nathan Wells** - WDNR

- DNR organization
- CMOM: WDNR expectations
- Permit backlog reduction goal (10%) and associated changes
- Staffing changes and where to go if you have questions
- New rule packages
- Response to EPA's list of 75 deficiencies
- e-reporting
- TMDL updates
- Staffing changes for TMDL program.

9:45 A.M. Break

Session Moderator: Brent Brown

10:00 Session Introduction – Brent Brown

10:10 Adaptive Management: Can Our Partnership Templates Work For You?

- **Jeff Smudde**, NEW Water
- **Kathy Lake**, Madison MSD (with perspectives from Stoughton and Oregon WWTPs and the City of Madison storm water program)

10:50 A Real World Example of Trading (and Considerations for Improving Trading Viability)

- **Leif Spidle**, Village of Brooklyn WWTP
- **Travis Anderson**, Strand Associates

11:10 Fond du Lac's Decision to Enter the Multi-Discharger Variance –

- **Autumn Fisher**, City of Fond du Lac WWTP & RRF

11:25 A County's Perspective of Watershed Partnerships with WWTPs –

- **Greg Baneck**, Outagamie County Land and Water Conservation Department

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11:40 An Agronomist's (and 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 and Risk-based Decision Making for Lower Phosphorus Limits

- **Leon Downing**, CH2M
- **Tom Sigmund**, NEW Water

2:00 Update on the Variance Process – Laura Dietrich, WDNR

- Overview of 2015 EPA regulations and impact on variances in Wisconsin
- Chlorides variances and SRM
- Mercury variances and PMP

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 from the Discharger's Perspective – Angela James, AAJ Legal

3:20 WDNR Update—Jason Knutson, WDNR

- Ammonia
- Antidegradation
- Total nitrogen
- Pharmaceuticals and microconstituents
- Timing of recreational standards changes
- Changes to air quality regulations for WWTPs
- Triennial Standards Review
- Federal rule updates
- Isolated wetland regulations

3:45 Seminar Adjourns

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