



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SEMINAR

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center – 625 Rolling Meadows Dr, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

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

GENERAL SEMINAR INFORMATION

Fee: \$90.00 Pre-Registration ends on February 13, 2025
\$110.00 Day of Seminar or after February 13, 2025
(Both fees include program materials, breaks, and lunch)

Pay and Register On-Line: <https://cswea.wufoo.com/forms/2025-wi-government-affairs-seminar/>
Same Day Registration: Begins on site at 7:30 AM

Credits: **WDNR CEU** - 6 hours Wastewater; 6 hours Municipal Waterworks
PDH - Available upon request

Lodging: Each registrant is responsible for their own hotel reservations. Make your reservations as soon as possible for the best rates. Radisson Hotel 920-923-1440 **HOTEL BLOCK CODE:** Government Affairs Seminar

COMMITTEE

Brett Bevers, P.E., Regional Sales Mgr, Centrisys
Ben Brooks, Superintendent, Wausau WWTF
Brent Brown, P.E., Project Manager, Jacobs Engineering
Lisa Creegan, Wastewater Specialist, WDNR
Sam Hocevar, P.E., Project Manager, Strand Associates
Kenzie Ostien, Wastewater Engineer, WDNR
Leo Kucek, P.E., Project Manager, Applied Technologies, Inc.
Kathy Lake, P.E., Pollution Prevention Mgr, MadisonMSD
Nick Lent, Wastewater Engineer, WDNR
Cody Schoepke, Superintendent, Fond du Lac WTRRF
Jeff Smudde, Dir. Environmental Programs, NEW Water
Sharon Thieszen, Field Services Manager, NEW Water
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Vanessa Wishart, Attorney, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP

SPEAKERS

Rania Bashar, Moonshot Missions
Matt Claucherty, WDNR
Jerry Deschane, League of WI Municipalities
Toni Herkert, League of WI Municipalities
Isabelle Horvath, EPA Region 5
Erik Joost, City of Oconomowoc
Brook Klingbeil, WI Rural Water Association
Seth Petersen, WI Rural Water Association
Willy Pevec, Delta Institute
Cheryl Porter, American Water Works Association and Great Lakes Water Authority
Tim Reel, City of Oconomowoc
Tim Ryan, WDNR
Bill Schleizer, Delta Institute
Christian Smith, Michigan EGLE
Todd Williams, Jacobs
Nate Willis, WDNR



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

8:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Brent Brown, CSWEA

Keynote
Moderator: **Kathy Lake**

8:05 Hidden Guardians: Elevating Water Professionals in Changing Times
Cheryl Porter, American Water Works Association and Great Lakes Water Authority

PFAS
Moderator: **Lisa Creegan**

8:35 PFAS Updates
Nate Willis, WDNR
Christian Smith, Michigan EGLE
Todd Williams, Jacobs

9:35 PFAS Panel Discussion and Q&A

Technical Assistance Resources for Municipalities
Moderator: **Kenzie Ostien**

9:45 Technical Assistance Resources for Municipalities
Isabelle Horvath, EPA Region 5
Bill Schleizer and Willy Pevec, Delta Institute
Rania Bashar, Moonshot Missions
Brook Klingbeil and Seth Petersen, WI Rural Water Association

10:45 BREAK (15 minutes)

WI Phosphorus Update and Real Compliance
Moderator: **Leo Kucek**

11:00 Phosphorus Compliance and Clearinghouse Updates
Matt Claucherty, WDNR

11:20 Real Compliance Story
Tim Reel, City of Oconomowoc
Erik Joost, City of Oconomowoc

11:50 Panel Discussion and Q&A

12:00 LUNCH AND NETWORKING

Wisconsin Legislative Updates
Moderator: **Cody Schoepke**

1:30 Municipal Legislative Update
Jerry Deschane, League of WI Municipalities
Toni Herkert, League of WI Municipalities

2:30 BREAK (15 minutes)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Updates
Moderator: **Vanessa Wishart**

2:45 DNR Update and Awards
Tim Ryan, WDNR

3:45 Closing Remarks
Brent Brown, CSWEA

3:50 Seminar Adjourns

QUESTIONS?

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