

Association of Clean Water Administrators **2019 National NPDES Permit Writers Workshop**

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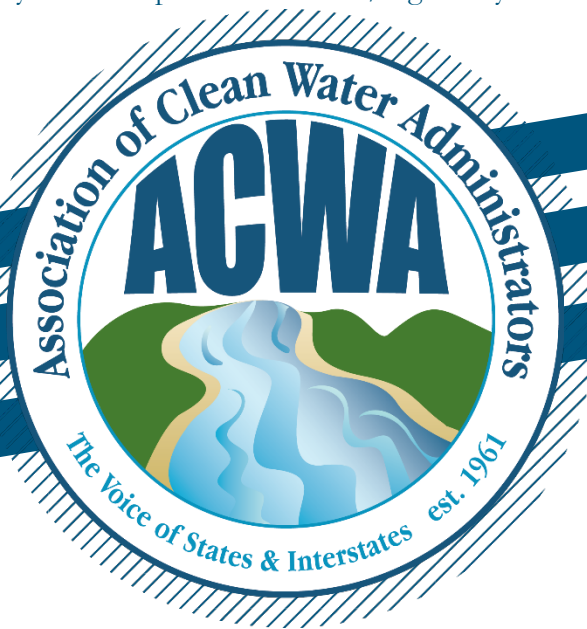
PURPOSE

The 2019 National NPDES Permit Writers Workshop is intended to help support states and EPA showcase permit writer innovations, assist with analysis of training, guidance, tools, and other support material needs, improve administrative efficiencies, clarify roles and responsibilities, build stronger linkages to WQS & TMDLs, modernize permit terms and data management, discuss program performance measures, and identify program areas where targeted technical assistance would be most beneficial.

ATTENDEES

The National NPDES Permit Writers Workshop is a national event specifically organized by state and federal regulators for EPA and state program staff representatives. Attendees include:

- State and EPA staff involved with drafting NPDES permits
- State and EPA staff involved in managing NPDES programs
- Partnering state/federal agency staff that provide technical/regulatory assistance to the NPDES programs
- Invited guests



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

This meeting is only open to States, EPA co-regulators, and invited guests.

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Meeting Logistics & Workshop Welcome Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, ACWA Sally Gutierrez, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Waste Water Management, USEPA
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Keynote Speaker Anna Wildeman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	New Federal NPDES Priority Initiatives Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, USEPA
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Permit Writer Resources Policies, Trainings, Webcasts, what works best, what is needed, etc.
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	NPDES Permit Writers Clearinghouse Populating the Database, Next Steps
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Updated Application Forms General update and how to access What steps are taking to update their own forms?
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Developing High Quality Fact Sheets Dos and Don'ts, Risks and Rewards
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	Writing an NPDES Permit in Impaired Waters What approaches are permitting authorities taking? Where are you facing the most stakeholder pushback?
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	WQS Variances and NPDES Permits What do you need to know, what do you need to prove, how can a variance help?
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Wrap Up and Adjourn



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration

TRACK 1: 316(b) CWIS

This track's sessions are currently being voted on by ACWA's Cooling Water Steam Electric Workgroup. The final 6-7 topics will be included in the next iteration of this agenda. Topics being considered include the following:

Session A - Fact Sheets - States Highlight Challenging Areas, Discuss and Develop Checklist

Session B - Services Interactions - EPA Discuss Requirements, States Discuss Experiences, FWS/NMS Discusses Contacts

Session C - Entrainment Data - Writing Permits without Entrainment Data, States Highlight Challenging Areas, Identifying and Accessing Reports, Discussion of Study Plans for Entrainment Characterization

Session D - Impingement BTA Performance Study - States Highlight Challenging Areas, Monitoring Requirements, Alternative Approaches

Session E - BTA Determinations - Identify States with Policies, Highlight Challenging Areas, Discuss and Develop Checklist, Typical Costs for Common Technologies

Session F - Facility Closures - Short Term and Long Term Requirements, How to Handle Planned Closures, Discuss and Possibly Develop Checklist

Session G - Hydropower - Discussion of Court Decisions, EPA's Formal Position, Example Case Studies/Permits

Session H - Public Notice & Comments - State Examples of Complex Comments, Open Discussion Regarding Expertise

Session I - BPJ Facilities - States Highlight Challenging Areas, Discuss and Possibly Develop Checklist, Discussion of Numbers Nationally, ESA Implementation Challenges

Session J - Waterbody Types (Big Rivers, Wetlands, Lakes, Ocean) - States Highlight Challenging Areas, Open Discussion Regarding Resources

Session K - Once Through Systems - States Highlight Challenging Areas, Identification of Resources Available

Session L - Regulatory Updates - Discuss Biggest Challenges, Definitions that Need Improvement, Other Ways the Rule Could be Improved

Session M - De Minimis - Discuss Determinations, Amount and Type of Data Utilized, Thresholds, Alternative Approaches for Making the Case

Session N - Peer Review - States Highlight Challenging Areas, Discuss EPA Peer Review Handbook, Addressing Conflict with Multiple Peer Reviewers

Session O - Technical Resources - What studies/data should be made available, What guidance would you like to see come from EPA, What topics would you like to see presented on future calls

TRACK 2: Other Program Elements

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Collection Systems
How are states managing these systems?
What role does asset management play?

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

Technology Based Limits for Nutrients
Approaches that states are using
Where could you use support

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Implementation of Ammonia Criteria
How have states been dealing with challenges?
Are there resources that could help?

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Peak Flow Management
Overview of EPA proposal
Considerations of a Permit Writer

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

CSO Policy & Presumptive Approach
Review of Workgroup Process Map

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Design Flow
How is it defined in your state?
What challenges has this definition created?

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

PFAS and Microplastics
What approaches are states taking to manage these?
Do you feel confident you have identified all of the sources? Is your state thinking about permits?

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Antibacksliding – Real World Examples
States to share examples where the issue has presented program challenges

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Wrap Up and Adjourn



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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| 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | Breakfast on Your Own |
| 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM | Permit Streamlining Initiatives
States and EPA discuss streamlining processes & tools, expedited renewals, short form applications, |
| 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM | NPDES eReporting Rule
Are states putting requirements in permits?
What the biggest challenges to meeting the Phase II deadline?
How are states using compliance and inspection data to reissue permits? |
| 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM | Program Performance Measures
EPA to discuss new measures
States to share measures they use |
| 12:00 PM – 12:15 PM | Meeting Wrap Up and Adjourn
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