

Association of Clean Water Administrators

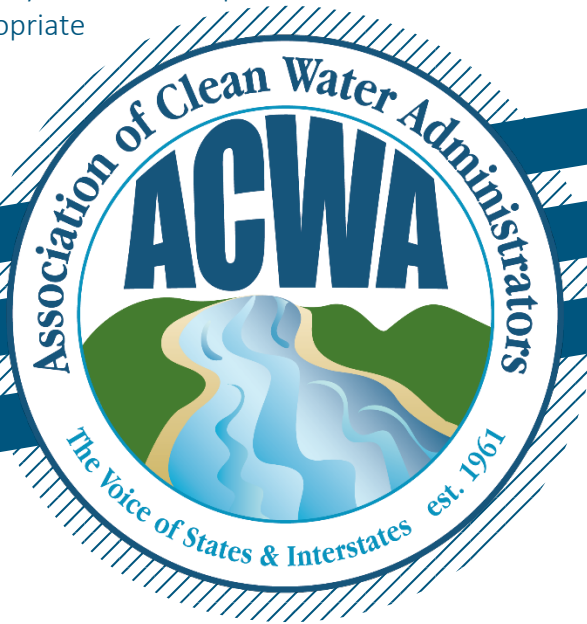
2023 National NPDES Permitting Meeting

Feb. 28 – March 2, 2023
Washington, DC

Purpose: This meeting is intended to help support states and EPA build staff capacity, identify challenges & barriers to NPDES program implementation, highlight opportunities for permitting authority program improvement & enhancement, showcase NPDES program innovations, assist with analysis of training, guidance, tools, and other support material needs, improve administrative efficiencies, clarify roles and responsibilities, build stronger linkages to other programs, modernize permit terms, improve data management, discuss program performance measures, identify program areas where targeted technical assistance would be most beneficial, and attempt to solve some of the most intractable NPDES program issues of our day.

Attendees: The National NPDES Permitting Meeting is a national coregulator event specifically organized by state and federal regulators for EPA and state program staff representatives. Attendees include:

- State and EPA staff involved in managing and overseeing NPDES programs
- State and EPA staff involved with drafting and overseeing NPDES permits
- Partnering state/federal agency staff that can provide technical assistance to the NPDES programs
- Other invited guests as appropriate



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Walter Ariss (OH), Ross Brennan (EPA), Martina Frey (OR), Carrie Graul (WA), Doris Ihejirika (EPA), Jason Knutson (WI), Robin Long (CT), Maria Lopez-Carbo (EPA), Jeff Navarro (OR), Jaime Rizo (MO), Troy Smith (ID), Jessica Stiles (MI)

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- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast on Your Own (No food/drink provided at this meeting.)
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Security Clearance and Registration
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
Sean Rolland, Association of Clean Water Administrators
Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Keynote Speaker
Bruno Pigott, Deputy Assistant Administrator of Water, Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Effluent Limit Guideline Training Breakouts
- Room 1** Break Out 1: Organic Chemicals, Plastics, and Synthetic Fibers ELG
Trainer: EPA HQ Rep
- Room 2** Break Out 2: Minerals and Mining ELG
Trainer: EPA HQ Rep
- Room 3** Break Out 3: Steam Electric ELG
Trainer: EPA HQ Rep
- Room 4** Break Out 4: NPDES and Climate Change
State & EPA Presenters
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM National NPDES Program Overview
Doris Ihejirka, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

Jackie Clark, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Water Permits Division Priorities
Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, EPA
- 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM Other National EPA Rule Updates
WOTUS



NPDES eReporting Rule
401 Certification Rule
Tribal Water Quality Standards
Tribal Reserved Rights
106 Formula

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Using Technology to Improve NPDES Permitting Pace and Quality
Cole Miller, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Jessica Stiles, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes,
and Energy

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

Open Discussion: NPDES Permit Backlog Root Cause Analysis
Sean Rolland, Association Clean Water Administrators
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Walter Ariss, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Jackie Clark, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater,
Environmental Protection Agency

5:15 PM

Adjourn



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Security Clearance and Registration

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Regional Break Out Sessions

Rooms and tables will be made available for participants to group together from the same geographic areas to discuss issues and challenges they face on a daily basis. Each room will report out after the break.

1. Identify a speaker, other than your facilitators, to report out on the discussions in your room.
2. Each participant in the room or at the table should identify and/or confirm their top 1 or 2 NPDES program challenges.
3. The group should discuss ways EPA HQ & Regions might be helpful in addressing some of these issues.
4. Individuals should take breaks as needed.

Room 1

Break Out 1: Regions 1, 2, and 3

Facilitators: Robin Long, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

EPA Regional Representative

Room 2

Break Out 2: Regions 4 and 5

Facilitators: Jason Knutson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

EPA Regional Representative

Room 3

Break Out 3: Regions 6, 7 and 8

Facilitators: Marty Haroldson, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

EPA Regional Representative

Room 4

Break Out 4: Regions 9 and 10

Facilitators: Jeff Navarro, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

EPA Regional Representative



11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Break Out Session Report Out and Discussion (15 minutes each)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Streamlining the NPDES Permit Process, LEANing In Chris Montague-Breakwell, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Michael Richardson, Maryland Department of the Environment Jeff Navarro, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Innovative NPDES Permit Clauses and Approaches John Rebar, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Justin Mattingly, Office of Science and Technology
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	PFAS Permitting – Best Practices Marcus Zobrist, EPA PFAS Memo Jason Knutson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources EPA
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	Effluent Data Trends – How are we doing with pollutant loadings/concentrations? Heidi Travers, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
5:15 PM	Adjourn



THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast on Your Own
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Security Clearance and Registration
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM NPDES Program Data Used to Enhance Program Management
Martina Frey, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM NPDES Program Oversight – What tools are being employed?
Real Time Review Tool
Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental
Protection Agency
- Permit Quality Review - Updates
Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental
Protection Agency
- State Review Framework – Water Program
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,
Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Open Discussion: How Can States and EPA Better Partner?
Jaime Rizo, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Kevis Weiss, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater,
Environmental Protection Agency
- 12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Wrap Up and Adjourn

