

# *Association of Clean Water Administrators*

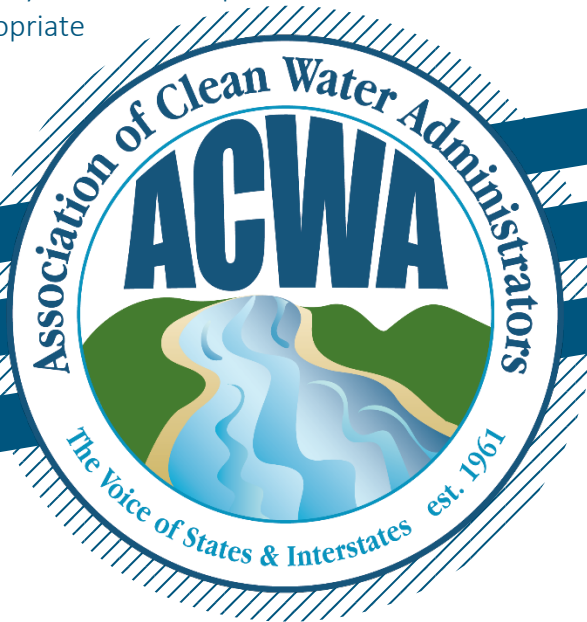
## **2023 National NPDES Permitting Meeting**

**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**  
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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**SECURITY CLEARANCE AND REGISTRATION**

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

**WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Bruno Pigott, Deputy Assistant Administrator of Water, Environmental Protection Agency

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

**WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**  
Sean Rolland, Association of Clean Water Administrators  
Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

**BREAK**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**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.

Oceans Auditorium  
(Room Cap = 120)

**BREAK OUT 1: REGIONS 1, 2, AND 3**

Facilitators:  
Robin Long, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
Lynne Jennings, Region 1, Environmental Protection Agency

Shenandoah  
(Room Cap = 38)

**BREAK OUT 2: REGIONS 4 AND 5**

Facilitators:  
Jason Knutson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Susanna Bains, Region 4, Environmental Protection Agency



Cuyahoga  
(Room Cap = 35)

### **BREAK OUT 3: REGIONS 6 AND 7**

Facilitators:

Macy Beauchamp, Texas Commission Environmental Quality  
Juanita Huff, Region 6, Environmental Protection Agency

Gulf of Mexico  
(Room Cap = 28)

### **BREAK OUT 4: REGIONS 8, 9 AND 10**

Facilitators:

Jeff Navarro, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Marty Haroldson, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
Stephanie Dejong, Region 8, Environmental Protection Agency

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

BREAK OUT SESSION REPORT OUT AND DISCUSSION  
(7 minutes each)

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

### **NATIONAL NPDES PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Doris Ihejirika, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater,  
Environmental Protection Agency

Jackie Clark, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater,  
Environmental Protection Agency

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

### **PFAS PERMITTING – BEST PRACTICES & IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES**

Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater  
Management, Environmental Protection Agency  
Jason Knutson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

BREAK

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

### **OTHER NATIONAL EPA RULE UPDATES**

WOTUS: Whitney Beck, Office of Water, Environmental Protection  
Agency

Tribal Reserved Rights: Jenn Brundage, Office of Water, Environmental  
Protection Agency

Tribal Water Quality Standards: James Ray, Office of Water,  
Environmental Protection Agency

NPDES eReporting Rule: Carey Johnston, Office of Enforcement and  
Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency

401 Certification Rule: Lauren Kasparek, Office of Water, Environmental  
Protection Agency



4:45 PM – 5:15 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

5:15 PM

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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### EPA WATER PERMITS DIVISION PRIORITIES

Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### 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

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

### BREAK

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

### NPDES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Gordon Woodrow, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and the Environment

Jonathan Rice, Maryland Department of Environment

Heather Huddle, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

Lynne Jennings, Region 1, Environmental Protection Agency

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

### LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

### INNOVATIVE NPDES PERMIT CLAUSES AND APPROACHES

John Rebar, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Patrick Ducey, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

Justin Mattingly, Office of Science and Technology



2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

OPEN DISCUSSION: NPDES PERMIT BACKLOG ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Sean Rolland, Association Clean Water Administrators  
Bryan Hartsook, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Walter Ariss, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Jackie Clark, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

BREAK

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

EFFLUENT DATA TRENDS – HOW ARE WE DOING WITH POLLUTANT LOADINGS/CONCENTRATIONS?

Carey Johnston, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency  
Dan Klaus, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency  
Heidi Travers, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
Courtney Cswercko, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

4:45 – 5:15 PM

HOT TOPIC: RELEASE FROM POINT SOURCE TO GROUNDWATER (MAUI)

Facilitated by:

Sean Rolland, Association Clean Water Administrators

Marcus Zobrist, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

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NPDES PROGRAM DATA USED TO ENHANCE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Martina Frey, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Rusty Wasem, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency



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## NPDES PROGRAM OVERSIGHT – WHAT TOOLS ARE BEING EMPLOYED?

### Real Time Review Tool

Doris Ihejirika, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

### Permit Quality Review - Updates

Ross Brennan, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

### State Review Framework – Water Program

Dave Hoffman, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency

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## INSPECTOR TRAINING NEEDS

Barbara Van Til, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

## OPEN DISCUSSION: HOW CAN STATES AND EPA BETTER PARTNER?

Jaime Rizo, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Marty Haroldson, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

Kevin Weiss, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater, Environmental Protection Agency

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

## WRAP UP AND ADJOURN

