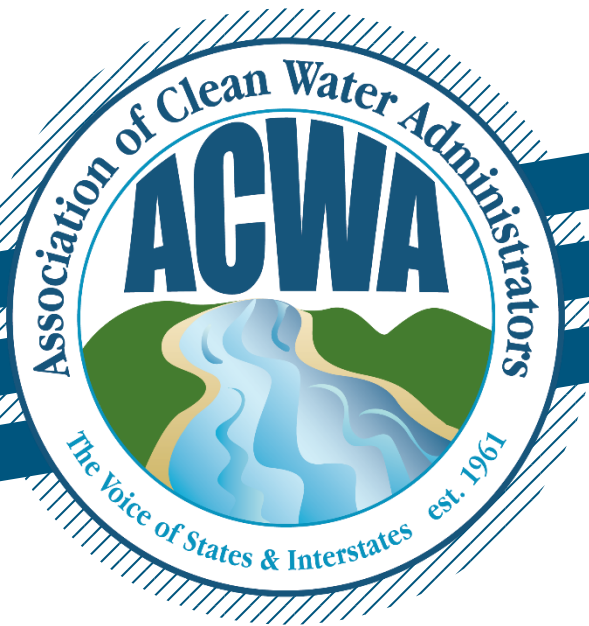


Association of Clean Water Administrators

2023 Mid-Year Meeting

March 15-16, 2023



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TUESDAY, MARCH 14

12:30 – 5:00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 – 9:45 AM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE

Mary Anne Nelson, Water Quality Division Administrator, Idaho DEQ

Bruno Pigott, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. EPA

9:45 – 11:00 AM

EPA OFFICE DIRECTORS UPDATE

The Office Directors from OWM, OST, OWOW and OECA will join us to discuss their priorities for the coming year and highlight areas for collaboration and coordination with the states and interstates.

Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water

Deborah Nagle, Director, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water

Brian Frazer, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Office of Water

Elizabeth Vizard, Acting Director, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

11:00 – 11:15 AM

BREAK

11:15 – 12:15 PM

ELG PLAN 15 UPDATE

EPA will overview ELG Plan 15 and associated activities. Conversation will focus on efforts towards rulemakings or supplemental rulemakings on ELG categories including Meat and Poultry Products, Landfills, and Steam Electric Power Generation; and studies related to influent PFAS concentrations, PFAS in Textile Mill discharges, and CAFOs.

Doruntine Rexhepi and Adrian Hanley, Engineering and Analysis Division, U.S. EPA Office of Water

12:15 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH

2:00 – 3:30 PM

PFAS CWA IMPLEMENTATION

EPA and states will focus on key updates on monitoring, risk assessments, guidance, and impacts to small communities related to PFAS in biosolids;

PFAS research and development efforts in the clean water and materials management spaces; and, state and national water quality criteria.

Betsy Behl, Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, U.S. EPA
David Tobias, Biosolids Program Lead, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, U.S. EPA

Phillip Potter, Center for Environmental Solutions and Emergency Response, Office of Research and Development, U.S. EPA

3:30 – 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 – 5:00 PM

PFAS CWA IMPLEMENTATION: NPDES PROGRAM

EPA will provide an overview of recently released memoranda intended to leverage the NPDES program to identify sources and quantities of PFAS discharges, and ultimately help restrict the discharge of PFAS at the source. EPA will share status of draft/final analytical methods for PFAS. States will share observations and raise questions regarding implementation authorities, challenges, and opportunities.

Chris Kloss, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, U.S. EPA
Adrian Stocks, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Karen Mogus, California State Water Resources Control Board
Nick Spalt, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA
Sean Rolland, Association of Clean Water Administrators

5:00 PM

WRAP UP AND ADJOURN

6:00 – 8:00 PM

RECEPTION FOR ATTENDEES

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 – 9:30 AM

SNC- NCI UPDATE AND INSPECTOR TRAINING UPDATES

EPA's Office of Compliance Assurance will provide an overview of the proposed National Enforcement and Compliance Initiative as a next phase in reducing the level of Significant Noncompliance, with a special focus on effluent limit violations. The Office will also share the results of a national ACWA survey on Inspector Training Needs and planned next steps.

Beth Ragnauth, Office of Compliance and Enforcement Assurance, U.S. EPA
Barbara Van Til, Office of Compliance and Enforcement Assurance, U.S. EPA

9:30 – 10:30 AM

PARTNER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Representatives from ACWA's state partner organizations – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), the Association of Drinking

Water Administrators (ASDWA), the National Association Wetland Managers (NAWM), and the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on key issues and areas ripe for collaboration.

Ben Grumbles, Executive Director, ECOS
Shellie Chard, Director, Water Quality Division,
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, representing ASDWA
Deirdre Finn, Executive Director, CIFA
Marla Stelk, Executive Director, NAWM

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 PM

TRIBAL WATER QUALITY STANDARDS DISCUSSION

ACWA and EPA will discuss duties and implementation approaches envisioned in forthcoming revisions to the federal WQS regulation addressing Tribal Reserved Rights (TRR) and Baseline WQS, as well as key state perspectives on EPA's proposed TRR Rule.

Mary Anne Nelson, Water Quality Division Administrator, Idaho DEQ
Sara Hisel McCoy, Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, U.S. EPA Office of Water

Jennifer Zygmunt, Water Quality Division Administrator, Wyoming DEQ
Dana Vanderbosch, Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy and Agriculture, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Administrator, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

12:30 PM

ADJOURN MID-YEAR MEETING

SAFE TRAVELS HOME & WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN BOISE, ID, IN AUGUST at the 2023 ACWA ANNUAL MEETING!

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