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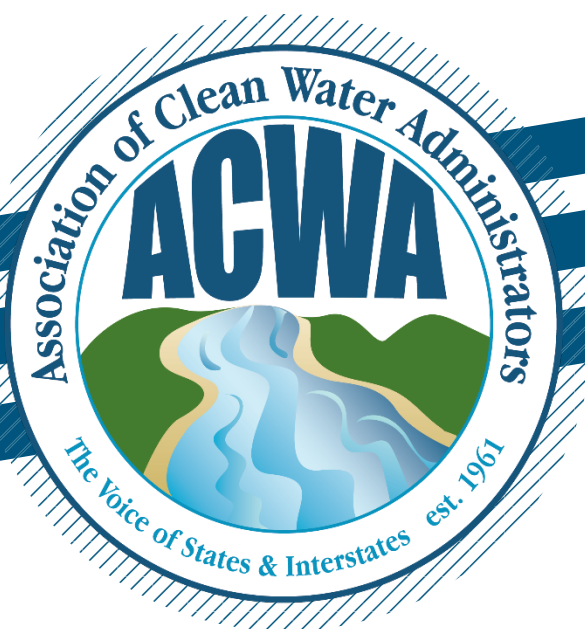
2026 Water Quality Standards Workshop

**Little Rock, AR
April 21-23, 2026**

ACWA will be holding the 2026 Water Quality Standards Workshop in Little Rock, AR, April 21-23, 2026.

This workshop is a national meeting organized by ACWA for state staff involved in state water quality standards programs, as well as for both Regional and Headquarters-based U.S. Environmental Protection Agency managers and staff.

The workshop will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Little Rock. More information can be found on ACWA's [events page](#).



SPECIAL THANKS TO

United States Environmental Protection Agency and the members of the Workshop Planning Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 – 9:00 AM CT	SIGN-IN
9:00 – 9:30 AM CT	WELCOME
9:30 – 10:30 AM CT	EPA PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES/DISCUSSION OF EPA-STATE COLLABORATION
10:30 – 10:45 AM CT	BREAK
10:45 – 12:00 PM CT	EMERGING CONTAMINANTS 6ppd – MA microplastics - trash –
12:00 – 1:30 PM CT	LUNCH BREAK (On Your Own)
1:30 – 3:00 PM CT	ANTIDEGRADATION
3:00 – 3:15 PM CT	BREAK
3:15 – 5:00 PM CT	HUMAN HEALTH CRITERIA
6:00 PM CT	Optional Networking Happy Hour Location TBD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:30 – 9:00 AM CT	SIGN-IN
9:00 – 10:30 AM CT	CYANOTOXINS PANEL
10:30 – 10:45 AM CT	BREAK
10:45 – 12:00 PM CT	Misc. CASE STUDIES (Chloride/Methylmercury/Aluminum) Or Variances
12:00 – 1:30 PM CT	LUNCH BREAK (On Your Own)
1:30 – 3:00 PM CT	PFAS PANEL - Which states are sampling/proposing adoption - Aquatic Life criteria - How are states that haven't adopted using the criteria - Detection limit – how are states learning how to deal with it

3:00 – 3:15 PM CT

BREAK

3:15 – 4:00 PM CT

TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Panel Discussion + Presentations

- IA
- OK
- OR
- LA

4:00 – 5:00 PM CT

LEGAL UPDATES

- Update on EPA vs SF, other general examples

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:30 – 9:00 AM CT

SIGN-IN

9:00 – 10:30 AM CT

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PANEL

- Tools/tips for interacting with stakeholder groups
- Communication tools/stakeholder ID + engagement

10:30 – 11:00 AM CT

BREAK/CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

11:00 – 12:00 PM CT

WRAP-UP and NEXT STEPS