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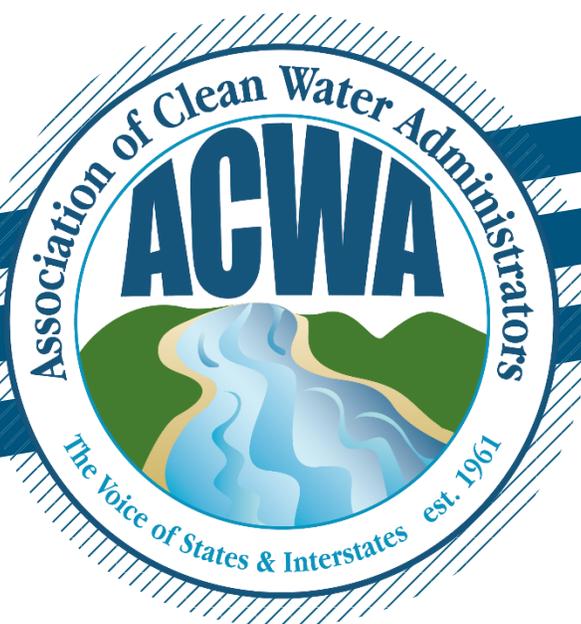
## **2026 Water Quality Standards Workshop**

**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 Potential topics: general status update, 304(a), AI TSD
10:30 – 10:45 AM CT	BREAK
10:45 – 12:00 PM CT	EMERGING CONTAMINANTS Topics to be covered: 6ppd, Microplastics, Trash, Critical Minerals
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	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PANEL
	<b>Presentations:</b> <i>Public Information Access: Mapping, Documents, and Water Quality Data</i> - Jamie Phillippe, LADEQ MD Case Study – Matt Stover, MDE <i>Making Data Accessible Through Interactive Web Apps</i> - Tanner Senti & Eddy Wild, ARDEQ <i>MI Volunteer Monitoring</i> - Kevin Goodwin, MIDOE
	<b>Discussion Topics/Questions:</b> - Tools/tips for interacting with stakeholder groups (mapping tool?) - Communication tools/stakeholder ID + engagement - Case study of unpopular decision that won over stakeholders: Ammonia
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 <i>Overview of Harmful Algal Blooms in Arkansas: From Monitoring to Advisories</i> – Felicia Osburn, AR DEQ <i>Cyanotoxins in South Carolina</i> – Drew Edward, SC DES <i>Algal Blooms: Coordinating Satellite Imagery Data with Field Sampling</i> – Jamie Phillippe, LADEQ <i>Potential EPA updates</i>

10:30 – 10:45 AM CT	BREAK
10:45 – 12:00 PM CT	HUMAN HEALTH CRITERIA
12:00 – 1:30 PM CT	LUNCH BREAK (On Your Own)
1:30 – 3:00 PM CT	Misc. CASE STUDIES (Chloride/Methylmercury/Aluminum) - Chloride Case Study – MI – Inland Lake Chloride Study (or other) - Chloride Case Study – NE – Natural Background Site Specific Criteria - Lake Alum treatments - ME – Meagan Sims
3:00 – 3:15 PM CT	BREAK
3:15 – 4:00 PM CT	PFAS PANEL (or discussion)  Discussion Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Which states are sampling/proposing adoption?</i></li> <li>- <i>Which states are adopting Aquatic Life criteria</i></li> <li>- <i>How are states that haven't adopted using the criteria?</i></li> <li>- <i>Detection limit – how are states learning how to deal with it?</i></li> </ul>
4:00 – 5:00 PM CT	LEGAL UPDATES Update on EPA vs SF and Other Relevant Cases

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:30 – 9:00 AM CT	SIGN-IN
9:00 – 10:30 AM CT	TRIENNIAL REVIEW Panel Discussion + Short Presentations - Mary Barnett, ARDEQ - Marie Todey, IADNR - Nicole Newcomer, OKDEQ - Connie Dou, ORDEQ - Jamie Phillippe, LADEQ
10:30 – 11:00 AM CT	BREAK/CHECK OUT OF HOTEL
11:00 – 12:00 PM CT	WRAP-UP and NEXT STEPS