

Association of Clean Water Administrators

2026 National Industrial Permitting Workshop

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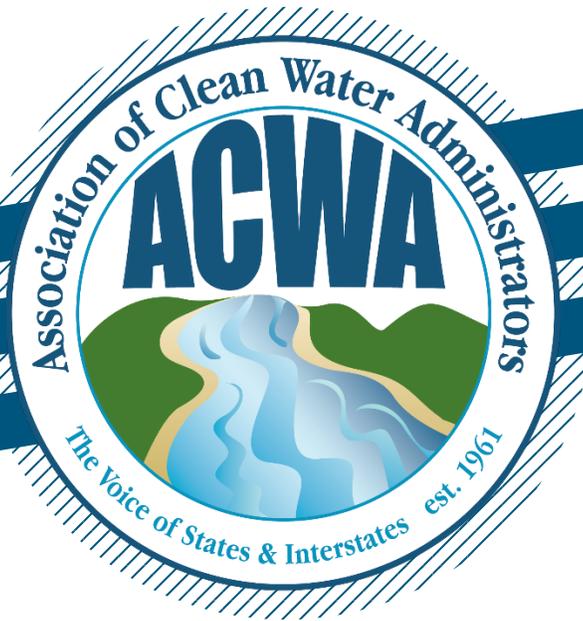
PURPOSE

The 2026 National Industrial Permitting Workshop supports implementation of federal and state industrial permitting programs nationwide by sharing best management practices, showcasing innovative federal and state programs, highlighting new approaches and technologies, facilitating discussion on national program enhancements and improvements, identifying state resource needs including tools, training and guidance, and proposing solutions to challenges and barriers faced by the regulators and other stakeholders.

ATTENDEES

The 2026 National Industrial Permitting Workshop is a national face-to-face meeting specifically organized by state and federal regulators for EPA and state program staff representatives. Attendees include:

- State managers, permit writers, inspectors, and compliance staff involved in regulating industrial discharges
- EPA Headquarter and Regional staff involved in industrial regulation
- Partnering state and federal agency staff that provide technical and/or regulatory assistance to the industrial program
- Invited guests



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Security Clearance and Registration
- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
ACWA, EPA
- 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM EPA - National Updates on ELG Planning
Updates on current ELG/Industry Research for ELG Plans 14, 15 and Proposed Plan 16
EPA Presenter(s)
- EPA – ELG Prioritization Process
How are ELGs prioritized for by EPA Development and Updating?
EPA Presenter(s)
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM NPDES Permit Writers' Clearinghouse
What is it, how do you populate it, why important for this meeting?
EPA Presenter(s)
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Drafting Complex Permits
Building a Record and Maintaining Public Trust, Examples
Two State Presenters, Open Discussion
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Permit Renewal - Challenges and Options
Preexisting enforcement case, likelihood of immediate noncompliance, new impairment decisions, listed waters or new TMDL, updated WQS.
Two State Presenters, Open Discussion
- 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM WQS: Reasonable Potential Analysis – Qualitative Approach
Procedure that uses information about the similarly situated facilities, water type and conditions, to assess the need for WQBELs.
EPA Presenter(s), Open Discussion
- 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM WQS: Reasonable Potential Analysis – Quantitative Approach
Procedure that uses effluent discharge information, receiving water data, and numeric criteria to assess the need for WQBELs.
EPA Presenter(s), Open Discussion
- 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Break



CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Successful Implementation of Mixing Zones
Short Introduction and Facilitated Discussion
State or EPA Presenter
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM 316(b) Cooling Water Intake Structures
Short Introduction and Facilitated Discussion
EPA Facilitator(s)
- 5:00 PM Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own
- 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Security Clearance and Registration
- 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM Welcome and Networking
- 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Data Centers
NPDES Permit Writer Considerations and Resources Needed
State or EPA Presenter(s)
Open Discussion
- 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM Battery Plants: Manufacture, Storage, Recycling, and Waste
NPDES Permit Writer Considerations and Resources Needed
State or EPA Presenter(s)
Open Discussion
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Break
- 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Best Practicable Control Technology vs Best Available Control
Technology
Meeting the Legal and Scientific Rigor
EPA Presenter(s)
Open Discussion
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Antibacksliding Provisions
Basic Introduction and Overview
EPA Presenter(s)
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own



1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

PFAS Monitoring
Latest Updates from States and Regions
Facilitator with Open Discussion

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Technology Based Effluent Limits for PFAS
Example of how states are approaching this issue
State Presenters
Open Discussion

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Implementing Human Health Criteria – Fish Consumption
Permit writer implementation
EPA Presenter
State presenter
Open Discussion

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Break

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WET Testing & Compliance
Short Introduction and Facilitated Discussion
State or EPA Presenter

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

316(a) Thermal Pollution Industries
Short Introduction and Facilitated Discussion
EPA Facilitator(s)

5:00 PM

Adjourn



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7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Security Clearance and Registration
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome and Networking
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Organize and Travel to Meeting Rooms
9:15 AM – 11:15 AM	<p>Regional Breakouts</p> <p>Smaller groups based on geographic distribution to be determined after registration has been finalized. Possible topics for regional breakouts might include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New industries coming to the state2. Industry/sector with highest noncompliance rates3. Most difficult aspect of the permit to finalize4. Inspection/Compliance assurance challenges5. How can EPA or ACWA help6. Future call/webinar/meeting topics7. General networking among regional
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Regional Breakouts Report Out
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Adjourn EPA and ACWA
12:30 PM	Adjourn

