



National Environmental Policy Forum

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The 2012 National Environmental Policy Forum is presented in collaboration with:

American Public Works Association

Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Agencies

Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Chesapeake Water Environment Association

Florida Water Environment Association Utility Council

Illinois Water Environment Association

Lower Neuse Basin Association/ Neuse River Compliance Association

Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship

Missouri Public Utility Alliance

New York Water Environment Association

Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies

Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association

South Carolina Water Quality Association

Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works

Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies

Water Environment Association of Texas

Western Coalition of Arid States

♦ - Board of Directors Committee

All speakers are from Washington, DC unless otherwise indicated.

All Rooms are on the 2nd Floor of the Washington Marriott Hotel unless otherwise indicated.

The NACWA Staff Office is located in the Thomas Salon on the 2nd Floor

Sunday, April 22

Afternoon

1:00 – 4:00

Ballroom Foyer

Registration

* Denotes confirmed speaker

1:30 – 2:45
Salons A&B Strategic Planning & Finance Committees♦
(Joint Meeting – Consideration of FY 2013 Business Plan & Budgets)

3:00 – 5:00
Salons A&B Board of Directors Meeting♦

Evening
5:45 – 6:45
Ballroom Foyer Registration (*badges only*)

6:00 – 7:00
Dupont Ballroom Meet & Greet Reception – *Recognizing Earth Day*

Monday, April 23

Morning
8:30 – 4:15
Ballroom Foyer Committee Registration

9:00 – 10:15
Salons C,D&E Facility & Collection System and Stormwater Committees

10:30 – 11:45
Salons C,D&E Water Quality Committee

Afternoon
1:30 – 2:45
Salons C,D&E Regulatory Policy, Legislative Policy & Legal Affairs Committees
(Joint Meeting)

3:00 – 4:30
Salons C,D&E Utility Executives Roundtable

Exploring the Water Resources Utility of the Future

Utility leaders have grown increasingly sophisticated over the 40 years since the Clean Water Act (CWA) became law. The prescriptive “command-and-control” construct of the CWA was not intended to account for the multi-faceted and complex roles utilities must now play within their communities. Increasing numbers of wastewater treatment plants are becoming agents of resource recovery, using cutting-edge techniques and technologies. These agencies are engaged in the capture and reuse of energy, the reuse of their wastewater to bend the curve on the hydrological cycle, capturing phosphorus and other beneficial and vital resources available from a constantly replenishing waste stream, using their solids as fertilizer and energy sources, becoming stormwater harvesters, green infrastructure innovators, product stewards, and sustainable community advocates. What were called the publicly owned treatment works in the 1970s and 1980s, have become clean water agencies in the 1990s and 2000s, and now in 2012 they are maturing even more.

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The evolution into a utility of the future, however, has significant consequences. It demands a serious re-appraisal of the CWA, its ongoing relevance in the 21st century, and whether and how it can be amended to address and embrace the transformational change taking place at the local level.

NACWA's Utility Executives Roundtable will shine a bright light on the transformational shift in how wastewater utilities are effectively managing their systems, while also addressing issues like population growth, climate change and energy independence. Several utilities will highlight the resource-recovery projects they are undertaking and the factors that drove them to start the shift and a dialogue among all in attendance is planned.

Facilitator/Thought-Starter

David R. Williams*
NACWA President
Director of Wastewater
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Oakland, CA

Thought-Starters

Howard Neukrug*
NACWA Board Member
Commissioner
Philadelphia Water Department
Philadelphia, PA

Glenn Reinhardt*
Executive Director
Water Environment Research Foundation
Alexandria, VA

Ken Rubin*
Managing Director
Rubin Mallows Worldwide
Washington, DC

Evening

6:00 – 8:30

West End Ballroom

CLEAN WATER AMERICA ALLIANCE
U.S. WATER PRIZE CEREMONY & RECEPTION
(Complimentary for all NACWA Policy Forum Registrants)

Tuesday, April 24

Morning

8:30 – 11:00

Ballroom Foyer

Registration

* Denotes confirmed speaker

9:00 – 12:00
West End Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION I

Opening Remarks & Presiding
David R. Williams*
NACWA President

Introductory Remarks
Alfred Foxx, Jr.*
Director
City of Baltimore Department of Public Works
Baltimore, MD

Keynote Address
The Honorable Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)*
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Water & Wildlife
Committee on Environment & Public Works
U.S. Senate

Serving in Congress for over 25 years, Senator Ben Cardin has developed a strong reputation as an environmental champion through his efforts to restore natural ecosystems, provide dedicated funding to water infrastructure systems, and through his consistent pursuit of environmental restoration initiatives. A NACWA 2010 Federal Public Service Award winner and Chair of the Water & Wildlife Subcommittee, the Senator has been invited to speak on advancing the national dialogue on increased investments in water infrastructure to restore our aquatic resources and safeguard the environmental gains made under the Clean Water Act.

Welcoming Remarks
George Hawkins*
NACWA Board Member
General Manager
DC Water

Panel Discussion
Priorities for Water Quality Policies in the 112th Congress
Key committee staff from the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee are invited to share Committee priorities for water quality policies in the 112th Congress. Staff will also highlight the impacts the 2012 election year may have on the prioritization and advancement of water quality policies.

Moderator:
Karen Pallansch*
NACWA Secretary
General Manager
Alexandria Sanitation Authority
Alexandria, VA

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Panelists:

Janine Benner*
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
U.S. Senate

Elizabeth Fox*
Professional Staff-Minority
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Kate Konschnik*
Chief Environmental Counsel
Office of Senator Whitehouse (D-RI)
U.S. Senate

Jonathan McCracken*
Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
U.S. Senate

Jon Pawlow*
Majority Counsel
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Panel Discussion

The Clean Water Act at 40 – Perspectives from the Water Sector

In October 2012, the Clean Water Act (CWA) will mark its 40th anniversary. While there are those who will celebrate the many successes and the water quality gains made under the Act over the past four decades. Others may take a different approach, questioning whether the Act continues to effectively address complex 21st century challenges. Both perspectives are valid. Panelists will discuss the durability of the law as it relates to clean water moving forward. Will any changes be needed to ensure 40 more years of progress?

Moderator:

David R. Williams*
NACWA President

Panelists:

Katherine Baer
Senior Director, Clean Water Programs
American Rivers
Durham, NC

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Alexandra Dapolito Dunn*
Executive Director and General Counsel
Association of Clean Water Administrators

Ken Kirk*
Executive Director
National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Eileen J. O'Neill*
Deputy Executive Director
Water Environment Federation
Alexandria, VA

Michael Arceneaux*
Deputy Director
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

Afternoon
12:00 – 2:00
Dupont Ballroom

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FORUM AWARDS LUNCHEON –
National Environmental Achievement Awards Ceremony &
NACWA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Luncheon Keynote

The Honorable Leon Billings*
Former Staff Director
Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
Former Member of Maryland House of Delegates

2:00 – 5:00

Capitol Hill Visits

Evening
5:30
Lobby

Meet in Hotel Lobby for Transportation to Congressional Reception

6:00 – 7:30
Old Ebbitt Grill
675 15th St., N.W.

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION
(Note: Enter through office building to the right of the Grill, inside take the elevators
to your right)

Wednesday, April 25

Morning
7:30
Ballroom Foyer

Breakfast Served & Registration

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8:00 – 11:00

Salons A & B

GENERAL SESSION II

Introductory Remarks

Suzanne Goss*
NACWA Vice President
Government Relations Specialist
JEA (Electric, Water & Sewer)
Jacksonville, FL

Opening Address

The Honorable Tim Bishop (D-NY)*
Ranking Member
House Water Resources & the Environment Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives

Introductory Remarks

David R. Williams*
NACWA President

Critical Issue Update

NPDES E-REPORTING RULE

John Dombrowski*
Director, Enforcement Targeting & Data Division
Office of Compliance
Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Address & Panel Discussion

EPA's Office of Water – Key Initiatives & Top Priorities

Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water will provide an overview of the Agency's clean water initiatives and how current budgetary pressures and broader economic considerations are influencing the Administration's clean water agenda. A top priority for EPA's water office is the new integrated planning effort designed to help the clean water community meet its unique challenges. Ms. Stoner will be joined by her office directors and key staff in a panel discussion.

Speaker/Moderator:

Nancy Stoner*
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Panelists:

Pamela Barr*
Acting Director
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Ellen Gilinsky*
Senior Policy Advisor
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jim Hanlon*
Director
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Elizabeth Southerland*
Director
Office of Science & Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TECHNICAL ROUNDTABLES

The final session of the *Policy Forum* program gives attendees the unique opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas with the EPA staff who manage the regulatory programs most affecting the clean water community. *Policy Forum* attendees may sign up for focused discussions on a range of topics that will include nutrients, biosolids management, enforcement, stormwater and more.

BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT

Rick Stevens*
Biosolids Program Manager
Office of Science and Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

ENFORCEMENT/ NPDES E-REPORTING RULE

Loren Denton*
Chief, Municipal Enforcement Branch
Water Enforcement Division
Office of Civil Enforcement
Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Carey Johnston*
Environmental Protection Specialist
Office of Compliance
Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

NUTRIENTS

Tom Wall*
Director, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Dana Thomas*
Chief, Ecological and Health Processes Branch
Health and Ecological Criteria Division
Office of Science and Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Chris Kloss*
Green Infrastructure Coordinator
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

CSOs/SSOs/BLENDING

Kevin Weiss*
SSO Program Manager
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

STORMWATER

Connie Bosma*
Municipal Branch Chief
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Policy Forum Adjourns