



## National Environmental Policy Forum

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*The 2013 National Environmental Policy Forum is presented in collaboration with:*

Association of Missouri Cleanwater Agencies  
Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Agencies  
Bay Area Clean Water Agencies  
California Association of Sewerage Agencies  
Colorado Stormwater Council  
Colorado Wastewater Utility Council  
Florida Water Environment Association  
Illinois Water Environment Association  
Lower Neuse Basin Association/Neuse River Compliance Association  
Maryland Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies  
Missouri Public Utility Alliance  
Nebraska Water Environment Association  
New York Water Environment Association  
North Carolina Water Quality Association  
Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies  
Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association  
South Carolina Water Quality Association  
Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies  
Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies  
Water Environment Association of Texas  
West Virginia Municipal Water Quality Association  
Western Coalition of Arid States  
♦ - Board of Directors Committee

*All speakers are from Washington, DC unless otherwise indicated.*

*All Rooms are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Washington Marriott Hotel unless otherwise indicated.*

### Sunday, April 21

*Afternoon*

1:00 – 4:00

*Ballroom Foyer*

Registration

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1:15 – 2:45 <i>Salons D&amp;E</i>	Strategic Planning & Finance Committees♦ (Joint Meeting – Consideration of FY 2014 Budgets & Business Plan)
3:00 – 5:00 <i>Salons D&amp;E</i>	Board of Directors Meeting♦
Evening 5:45 – 6:45 <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>	Registration ( <i>badges only</i> )
6:00 – 7:00 <i>Dupont Ballroom</i>	Meet & Greet Reception After you have settled in your hotel room, don't miss this opportunity to meet, greet and mingle. Catch up with colleagues, all the while sampling hors d'oeuvres.  Dress for the reception is business casual attire.
<u>Monday, April 22</u>	
Morning 8:30 – 4:15 <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>	Committee Registration
9:00 – 10:30 <i>Salons C,D&amp;E</i>	Stormwater and Facility & Collection System Committees <b>CLOSED TO PRESS</b> The joint meeting of NACWA's Stormwater Management Committee and Facility & Collection System (FACS) Committee will begin with an update on the EPA stormwater rulemaking effort by EPA Office of Water's Municipal Branch Chief, Connie Bosma. The presentation will include an in depth discussion of important rule elements, cost benefit analysis and schedule, with opportunity for questions. The committee will then decide how to best organize a workgroup for formally reviewing the proposed rule. The stormwater portion of the meeting will conclude by addressing recent developments in flow-based total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and stormwater fee issues.  The FACS portion of the meeting will then begin with a discussion of issues related to peak wet weather flow management. The Committee will specifically discuss the implications of the recent decision by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals that EPA cannot prohibit parallel treatment processes at wastewater treatment plants and can only regulate the effluent at the point of discharge. The proposed Great Lakes Water Protection Act, which would prohibit blending for Great Lakes dischargers, will also be discussed. The meeting will conclude with a discussion about EPA's financial capability guidance and the scope of revisions to this guidance that may be necessary to achieve the goals of NACWA members.
10:45 – 11:45 <i>Salons C,D&amp;E</i>	Water Quality Committee <b>CLOSED TO PRESS</b> The Water Quality Committee meeting will start with a discussion of several nutrient-related issues. The Committee will be updated on NACWA's letter to EPA on narrative nutrient criteria translation and positive developments in three

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states regarding the establishment of nutrient criteria or control programs. NACWA's General Counsel will provide an update on the Association's ongoing involvement in litigation over EPA's failure to develop federal numeric nutrient criteria for the Mississippi River Basin and the Committee will discuss an "Action Plan" that has been under development by EPA to identify barriers to establishing numeric nutrient criteria. Updates will also be provided on a number of other water quality criteria issues including the forthcoming revision to the ammonia criteria and some recent developments regarding fish consumption rates. A representative from the Association of Clean Water Administrators will provide an overview of that organization's effort with EPA to develop a new vision for the total maximum daily load (TMDL) program and brief updates will be provided on NACWA's Farm Bill-related activities and Water Quality Trading Working Group.

#### *Afternoon*

1:30 – 2:45

Salons C, D & E

#### Legislative & Regulatory Policy and Legal Affairs Committees (Joint Meeting) **CLOSED TO PRESS**

The Legislative & Regulatory Policy and Legal Affairs Committees will meet jointly during the Policy Forum to discuss a number of cross-cutting issues from the top of NACWA's current advocacy agenda. The joint committee meeting will start with a discussion of several recent wet weather-related developments on Capitol Hill and in the courts and how they may influence NACWA's advocacy efforts. John Hall with Hall & Associates will brief the Committees on the recent 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision regarding peak wet weather blending and how it is expected to impact permitting decisions across the country. In addition to discussing the impacts of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision for the Association's members, the Committees will discuss how NACWA's wet weather legislation has been revised to reflect the Court's decision. Efforts to put EPA's integrated planning framework to use continue and the Committees will discuss the latest updates and be briefed on NACWA's ongoing efforts on Capitol Hill regarding integrated planning and affordability. With the recent release of President Obama's proposed FY 2014 budget and the triggering of automatic spending cuts or sequestration, the Committees will discuss a range of funding and finance issues. Jimmy Slaughter with Beveridge & Diamond will brief the Committees on two recent biosolids-related legal decisions and Committee members will discuss the next steps for implementing the recommendations from the *Utility of the Future Blueprint*.

3:00 – 5:00

Salons C, D & E

#### Utility Executives Roundtable: *A 2020 Vision for Clean Water*

For the last 40 years, the Clean Water Act has provided us with a way to effectively address the issue of water pollution. It is responsible for significantly improving water quality in our lakes and rivers, revitalizing of many urban waterfronts and recreational areas, and enhancing public health and welfare. This year's Utility Executive Forum will focus on the early Clean Water Act – Congressional intent, implementation, and interpretation – and how the Act could be improved to ensure another 40 years of continuous water quality improvement. We'll hear

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from authors of the original bill, as well as current practitioners about what policy reforms should be considered to strengthen the Act's effectiveness and support efforts by utilities to transform themselves into the water resources utilities of the future.

*Moderator:*

Ken Kirk\*  
Executive Director  
NACWA

*Speakers:*

Leon Billings\*  
*Former Staff Director*  
*U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (1966-1978)*  
President  
Leon G. Billings, LLC  
Bethany Beach, DE

Lester Edelman\*  
*Former Counsel*  
*U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Public Works and Transportation (1968–1979)*  
Senior Counsel/Senior Advocate  
Dawson & Associates

The Honorable Gordon Wood\*  
*Former Minority Counsel*  
*U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment (1971-1978)*  
Mayor  
Town of Ocean View  
Ocean View, DE

5:15  
*Lobby*

Meet to board buses for U.S. Water Alliance Ceremony & Reception

*Evening*  
6:00 – 8:30  
*National Geographic*  
*17<sup>th</sup> & M Streets, NW*

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

Join your colleagues from all over the water sector at the inaugural *U.S. Water Prize Ceremony & Reception*. The *Water Prize*, created by the U.S. Water Alliance, recognizes organizations for their outstanding achievements in promoting and advancing water sustainability. The *U.S. Water Prize Ceremony* will be followed by a gala reception.

Dress for the reception is business attire. While the event venue is within a 10 minute walk of the hotel – buses are also available. Plan to meet in the Lobby of

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the Washington Marriott Hotel at 5:30 pm to board the buses to travel to National Geographic or to walk over to the event. Please note there is no return transportation.

## Tuesday, April 23

*Morning*

8:30 – 11:00

*Ballroom Foyer*

Registration

9:00 – 12:00

*Salons A/B/C*

### **GENERAL SESSION I**

*Opening Remarks & Presiding*

Suzanne Goss\*

*NACWA President*

*Legislative Affairs Specialist*

*JEA (Electric, Water & Sewer)*

*Jacksonville, FL*

*Welcoming Remarks*

George Hawkins\*

*NACWA Board Member*

*General Manager*

*DC Water*

*Keynote Address*

Robert Perciasepe\*

*Acting Administrator*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

*Panel Discussion* **CLOSED TO PRESS**

### **Priorities for Water Quality Policies in the 113<sup>th</sup> 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 113th Congress. Staff will also highlight how the 2012 election and recent changes to the administration may affect the prioritization and advancement of water quality policies.

*Moderator:*

Sharon Green\*

*Vice Chair, NACWA Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee*

*Legislative & Regulatory Liaison*

*Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County*

*Whittier, CA*

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*Panelists:*

Jonathan Black\*  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)  
U.S. Senate

Brandon Middleton\*  
Minority Senior Clean Water Act Counsel  
Committee on Environment & Public Works  
U.S. Senate

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

Ryan Seiger\*  
Minority Counsel  
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives

*Panel Discussion*

**A Policy Snapshot From Leading D.C. Organizations**

Leading D.C.-based organizations will come together to spotlight their work on key issues of importance to NACWA members, including clean and renewable energy, climate adaptation and resiliency, and water infrastructure funding and financing. Speakers will also share their own policy predictions for this term of Congress and the President's agenda.

*Moderator:*

Ken Kirk\*  
NACWA

*Panelists:*

Judy Sheahan\*  
Assistant Executive Director  
U.S. Conference of Mayors

Christian Zur\*  
Senior Director, Procurement Policy  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Kara Reeve\*  
Manager, Community-Based Climate Adaptation  
National Wildlife Federation

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Bryan Stockton\*  
Representative, American Biogas Counsel  
Director of Government Relations  
ML Strategies, LLC

*Update on Collaborative Efforts:*

Jeff Eger\*  
Executive Director  
Water Environment Federation  
Alexandria, VA

*Afternoon*

12:00 – 2:00

*Salons D/E*

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

Join us in a celebratory luncheon honoring NACWA's 2013 *National Environmental Achievement Award* winners and NACWA *Hall of Fame* Inductees. The luncheon will be a special event for attendees, honorees and distinguished guests alike.

Dress for the luncheon is business attire.

2:00 – 4:30

Capitol Hill Visits

We strongly encourage you to make appointments with your Congressional Delegations while you are in D.C. Visit [www.nacwa.org/toolbox](http://www.nacwa.org/toolbox) for additional tools for making appointments and meeting with your Congressional Representative. Should your final appointment find you on Capitol Hill after 4:30, please meet us at the Reception – it is close by.

*Evening*

4:45

*Lobby*

Meet in Hotel Lobby for Transportation to Congressional Reception

5:30 – 7:00

101 Constitution Ave.

9<sup>th</sup> Floor

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

With our focus on national clean water policy, we can't think of a better place to meet and mingle than a beautiful terrace with the Capitol Building as a backdrop! After spending the afternoon meeting with key legislators on Capitol Hill, join us and admire the picturesque views of the Nation's Capitol. The reception will feature special guests including The Honorable Tim Bishop (D-NY), The Honorable Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), The Honorable Bob Gibbs (R-OH), The Honorable Bob Latta (R-OH), and The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH).

Dress for the Congressional Reception is business attire, and round-trip transportation is provided. Plan to meet in the Lobby of the Washington Marriott Hotel at 4:45 pm to board the buses to travel to 101 Constitution Ave., N.W. Return bus service to the hotel will be available at 6:45 pm. Bring a Photo ID with you for entrance into the building; NACWA Staff will be there to guide you through security.

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*Special appearances by:*

Senator John Boozman (R-AR)\*  
Representative Timothy Bishop (D-NY)\*  
Representative Bob Gibbs (R-OH)\*  
Representative Bob Latta (R-OH)\*

Wednesday, April 24

*Morning*

7:30

*Ballroom Foyer*

Breakfast Served & Registration

8:00 – 11:00

*Salons A, B & C*

**GENERAL SESSION II**

*Opening Remarks & Introductions*

Charles Logue\*  
*Chair, NACWA Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee*  
Director of Technical Services  
Renewable Water Resources  
Greenville, SC

*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. Ms. Stoner will be joined by her office directors and key staff in a panel discussion.

*Moderator/Speaker:*

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

*Panelists:*

Deborah Nagle\*  
Director  
Water Permits Division  
Office of Wastewater Management  
Office of Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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

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Denise Keehner\*  
Director  
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds  
Office of Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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

## TECHNICAL ROUNDTABLES **CLOSED TO PRESS**

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  
Office of Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### *CSOs/SSOs/BLENDING*

Kevin Weiss\*  
Chemical Engineer  
Office of Wastewater Management  
Office of Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### *NUTRIENTS*

Ellen Gilinsky\*  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### *INTEGRATED PLANNING/FINANCIAL CAPABILITY*

Deborah Nagle\*  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mark Pollins\*  
Director  
Water Enforcement Division  
Office of Civil Enforcement  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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## STORMWATER AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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

### Thursday, April 25

American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists  
2013 Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science Awards Luncheon and Conference  
All Wednesday events will take place at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW  
(separate [registration](#) required)

#### *Morning*

8:00 – 11:20

*National Press Club*

AAEES Awards Technical Presentations\*

11:30 – 1:45

*National Press Club*

AAEES Awards Champagne Reception & Awards Luncheon

#### *Afternoon*

2:00 – 4:45

*National Press Club*

AAEES Awards Technical Presentations

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