State Primacy Agencies’ Perspectives on D.C. & Innovation

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Presentation Outline

• Current political environment
• Regulations
• Non-regulatory drivers
• Innovation
Current Political Environment

• Boils down to one word – uncertainties
  – Uncertainties on what President Trump & EPA Administrator Pruitt are going to do
  – Uncertainties on what Congress is going to do
    • Tax reform & omnibus – what’s beyond those?
  – Uncertainties on funding
    • EPA and states could be impacted
  – Uncertainties on deregulatory agenda
    • Past regulations have driven construction & innovation

– “We live in interesting times”
Regulations

• Long-Term Revisions to Lead and Copper Rule (LT-LCR)
  – Proposal and Final?

• Perchlorate
  – To regulate or not?

• Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4)
  – What will be the reaction to the release of the monitoring data?
    • Algal toxins and manganese
Non-Regulatory Drivers

- Post-Flint Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Actions
- Algal toxins
- PFAS
- SDWIS Prime
- *Legionella* and building water quality management plans
Innovation

• State’s role
  – Review and approval of pilots & technologies
  – Compliance monitoring & op. certification
    • States are resource-challenged

• EPA’s role
  – Conduct basic & applied research
    • Also resource-challenged & some programs zeroed out

• AWWA/WWEMA Innovation Initiative

• ASDWA’s innovation efforts
  – Ongoing discussions with WINSSS
    • How to foster state collaborations?
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