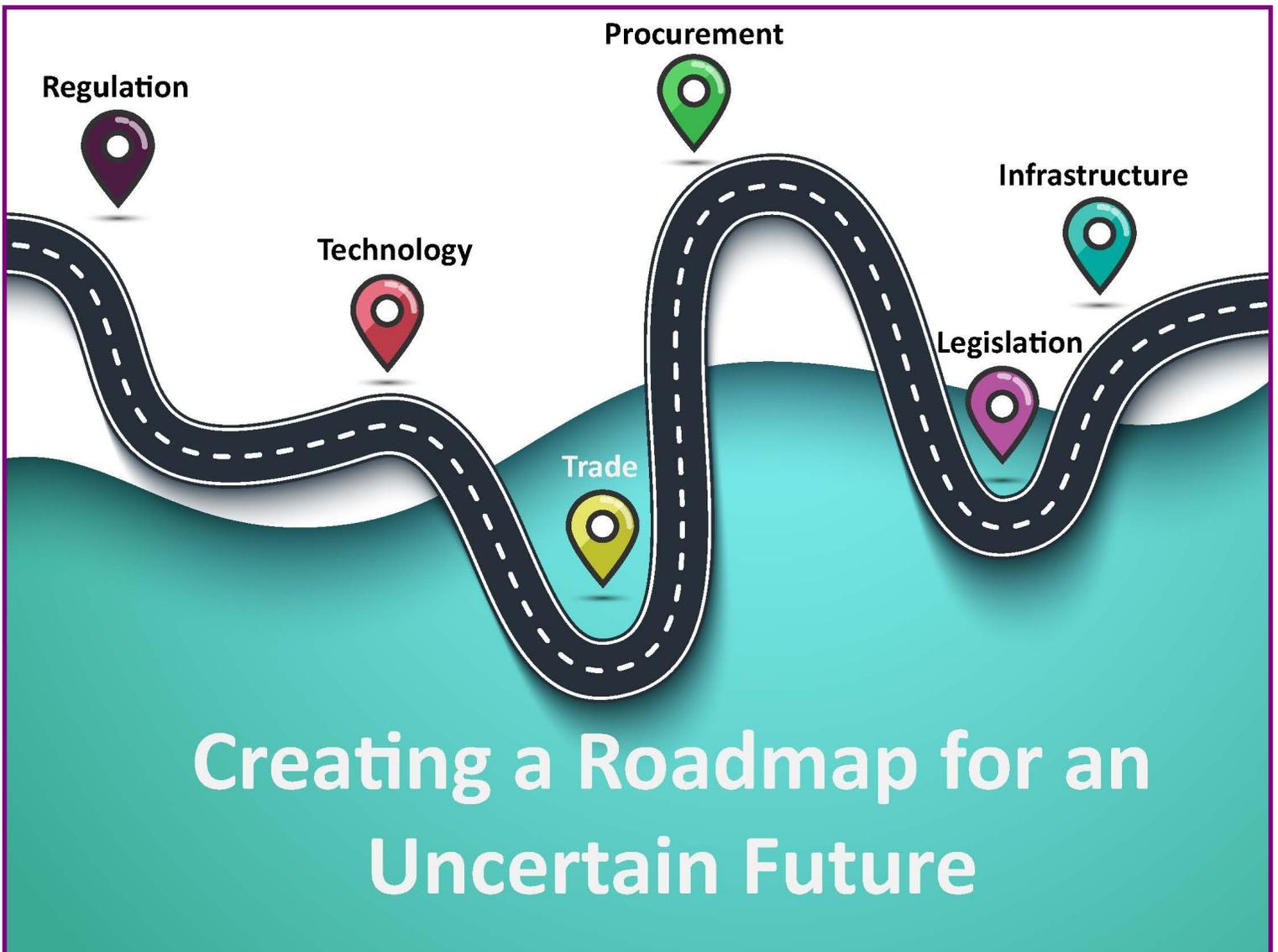


WWEMA

46TH WASHINGTON FORUM

APRIL 3-5, 2019
MANDARIN ORIENTAL
WASHINGTON, DC



WATER WEEK 2019

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

WWEMA 46th WASHINGTON FORUM

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, April 3

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on Own

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Marketing & Member Services Committee Meeting (All Members)

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Legislative/Regulatory Committee Meeting (All Members)

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

New Member & First Time Attendees Meet and Greet

5:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Board Buses to Water Associations Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill

Thursday, April 4

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (All Attendees)

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Manufacturer Rep. Council Breakfast Meeting

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

General Session

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

General Session

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

Friday, April 5

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Registration

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (All Attendees)

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

General Session

12:00 noon

Meeting Adjourns

12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Lunch and Meeting

Preliminary Agenda

This year's 46th WWEMA *Washington Forum* will be held April 3-5, 2019 at the Mandarin Oriental in Washington, DC. The theme for this year's meeting is *Creating a Roadmap for an Uncertain Future*. The meeting, which will be chaired by John Collins, Chief Executive Officer of JCM Industries, Inc., will highlight the many regulatory, legislative, and policy issues and concerns facing the water industry and focus on those groups at the national, state, and local level that are making a difference and creating a roadmap for future success. Clearly, much of the action is taking place outside of Washington, DC and we will explore how to connect and network with those institutions and stakeholders to promote infrastructure, technology, and development of business opportunities. Once again this year, WWEMA will be meeting with the other water associations to celebrate *Water Week 2019* and unite as "one voice for water." In addition to an exciting line up of speakers and sessions, a not-to-be-missed joint Congressional Reception among all the water groups is being planned for April 3rd on Capitol Hill for a special evening of networking and social interaction. A sampling of the topics and sessions at the *Washington Forum* include:

Looking into the Political Crystal Ball

Keynote Speaker

Rich Galen, Chairman, Barrington Worldwide

A lot has happened since Rich presented on post-election impacts after the mid-term elections at our November Annual Meeting. He will bring his keen wit and political insights to discussions on trade, infrastructure, immigration, budgets, and other issues of national importance currently being debated by Congress and the Administration. As a former press secretary to Dan Quayle and Newt Gingrich during their time in Congress, and the communications director of the political office of Speaker Gingrich, Rich is uniquely qualified to speak to the current political landscape and what we might expect in 2019. Since 1998 he has written an on-line political column, Mullings.com, which reaches over 300,000 people per month and is a frequent guest on MSNBC and CNN.

Priorities and Outlook for EPA in 2019 and Beyond

Andrew Sawyers, Ph.D., Director, U.S. EPA Office of Wastewater Management

Jennifer McLain, Ph.D., Acting Director, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Deborah Nagle, P.E., Director, U.S. EPA Office of Science and Technology

Our panel of U.S. EPA office directors will provide insights on the priorities for each of their offices and the regulatory issues they are tackling in 2019 and beyond. We know that lead, PFAS/PFOA, nutrients, harmful algal blooms, Waters of the U.S., and peak wet weather flow issues have captured headlines in recent months. They will share information on these and other issues that will frame the Agency's regulatory agenda.

The Economic Outlook

Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)

There is plenty of uncertainty facing contractors and other businesses heading into 2019! So far, the AGC members say they are still optimistic about the volume of work that will be available, but they are having an ever-harder time finding qualified workers. Pricing has become a big issue again, given the sudden shocks and unpredictability of tariffs and trade policy. And interest rate increases may impact more businesses than in the past decade. Ken will discuss these issues and more as he covers construction spending in industrial, public works, health care and education, and residential sectors as well as employment and workforce issues.

American Iron and Steel and Buy American Requirements – What You Need to Know

Kiri Anderer, P.E., DWSRF Team, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Rudd Coffey, Associate, Northbridge Environmental

While American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements have been permanent for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for several years, recent signing of the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018*, has now made these requirements permanent for the Drinking Water SRF for the next five years. While manufacturers, states, and utilities have been dealing with these requirements, the landscape continues to evolve. A recent example is the January 31, 2019 Executive Order (EO) signed by President Trump on *Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects* that expands manufactured goods to include aluminum, plastics and polymer-based products like PVC pipe, concrete, glass, optical fiber, and lumber. Kiri will speak to the current AIS requirements and how the recent EO may impact this program. Rudd will present a proposal being developed by Northbridge, to create an *AIS Marketplace*, a cloud-based clearinghouse to initially house certification letters, information on AIS-compliant products, provide on-line training resources, and provide a forum for information exchange. The focus of the *AIS Marketplace* being support to aid implementation and compliance.

Nutrients – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Brian Lapointe, Ph.D., Research Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Laura Johnson, Ph.D., Director, National Center for Water Quality Research, Heidelberg University

Nutrients continue to capture national headlines whether by creating Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in the Great Lakes or HABs and Red Tides in the Florida Everglades and elsewhere across this country. Brian and Laura will present their research findings that capture the nutrient inputs and loadings in the Great Lakes down to the Gulf of Mexico and Southwest Florida and the Caribbean. Information about contributions from agriculture, failing septic systems, and point sources will be shared to facilitate dialog on treatment and management options. Laura will also engage attendees in conversation about the next generation workforce and the skill sets our members and the water industry need from students coming out of college to successfully contribute as the next water leaders.

ITRC and State Activities Related to PFAS Regulation

Patricia Reyes, Director, Interstate Technology Regulatory Council

The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) is a state-led coalition working to reduce barriers to the use of innovative air, water, waste, and remediation environmental technologies and processes. ITRC produces documents and training that broaden and deepen technical knowledge and expedite quality regulatory decision making while protecting human health and the environment. Patricia will share information on the work that the *PFAS Team* is doing to produce concise technical resources that will help regulators and other stakeholders improve their understanding of the current science regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are a large and complex class of anthropogenic compounds whose prevalence in the environment have become an emerging, worldwide priority in environmental and human health. Some PFAS are environmentally persistent and bioaccumulative, and may pose human health risks. Recent high-profile cases involving human exposure in the United States have further focused both public and regulatory scrutiny on PFAS.

[Additional presentations and sessions on infrastructure, trade, research, and technology will be announced in the near future.](#)

HOTEL and MEETING REGISTRATION



HOTEL INFORMATION

The 2019 *Washington Forum* will be held April 3-5, 2019, at the Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C., 1330 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

The hotel is currently accepting sleeping room reservations. The cut-off date is **March 8, 2019**. The room rate is \$325 per night plus tax. To make your reservation, call (202) 787-6140 and reference the **WWEMA Washington Forum 2019** or book online at [WWEMA 46th Washington Forum](https://book.passkey.com/event/49813783/owner/32126/home)

Online link:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/49813783/owner/32126/home>

MEETING REGISTRATION:

Visit <https://wwema.org/washington-forum> for a preliminary agenda and more details about the meeting.

Online link:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=2552572>

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

A full refund of all Washington Forum registration fees (less an \$85 processing fee) will be issued on all cancellations received by March 8, 2019 Thereafter, a 50% refund will be issued on cancellations received by March 22, 2019. No refund will be issued for cancellations made after March 22, 2019.

