**WWEMA 49th WASHINGTON FORUM**

You are invited to join us this year for **WWEMA’s 49th Washington Forum** that will be held April 26-28, 2023 in conjunction with Water Week 2023 in Washington, DC. This year’s theme is Moving Water and Business Forward – Diverse Approaches, Inclusive Solutions. This is WWEMA’s annual legislative, regulatory, and policy meeting that directly connects our members, attendees, and invited guests to leaders in the water industry and government including Congress, the Department of Commerce, and EPA. We have a terrific line-up of speakers who will address everything from EPA’s priorities, to Buy America requirements, the economy, water research needs, the outlook for legislation and tackling tough issues like inflation and the debt ceiling, as well as information on helping businesses grow through exports. Everyone, WWEMA members and non-members alike, is invited to join us for this year’s **WWEMA 49th Washington Forum**. Come join your colleagues in the water community and learn about changes that are impacting us today and how we can effectively engage and respond to them.

### Preliminary List of Speakers

**USEPA Water Priorities Discussion**

- **Jennifer McLain**, Deputy Director, EPA Office of Wastewater Management
- **Deborah Nagle**, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
- **Brian Frazer**, Acting Director, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

**Build America, Buy America Update and Roundtable**

- **Kiri Anderer**, P.E.; Branch Supervisor, USEPA Water Infrastructure Technical Support Branch
- **Tim Connor**, Senior Chemical Engineer, USEPA Water Infrastructure Division

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 2023 and beyond. We know that lead, PFOA/PFOS, nutrients, MDBP regulatory revisions, water quality criteria, infrastructure funding, and assisting disadvantaged communities are current priorities. They will share information on these and other issues that will frame the Agency’s regulatory and policy agenda.

**Water Research Priorities**

- **Peter Grevatt**, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, The Water Research Foundation

The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is the leading research organization advancing the science of all water to meet the evolving needs of its subscribers and the water sector. WRF funds, manages, and publishes research on the technology, operation, and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse, and stormwater systems—all in pursuit of ensuring water quality and improving water services to the public. Peter will present information on the latest research projects and priorities being funded by WRF.

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**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, April 26**

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
  *Registration*  
- 9:00 - 10:30 am  
  *Executive Committee Meeting*  
- 10:30 - 12:00 noon  
  *Manufacturers Representative Council Meeting*  
- 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm  
  *Lunch on Own*  
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm  
  *Marketing & Member Services Committee Meeting (All Members)*  
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
  *New Member & First Time Attendees Meet and Greet*  
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
  *Legislative/Regulatory Committee Meeting (All Attendees)*  
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
  *Water Week Reception (with other Water Associations at DC Water Rooftop) (All Attendees)*

**Thursday, April 27**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm  
  *Registration*  
- 8:00 - 9:00 am  
  *Networking Breakfast (All Attendees)*  
- 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
  *General Session*  
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm  
  *Networking Lunch (All Attendees)*  
- 1:30 - 4:00 pm  
  *General Session (All Attendees)*  
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
  *WWEMA Reception (All Attendees)*

**Friday, April 28**

- 7:30 am - 12:00 noon  
  *Registration*  
- 8:00 - 9:00 am  
  *Networking Breakfast (All Attendees)*  
- 9:00 - 11:30 am  
  *General Session*  
- 11:30 am  
  *Meeting Adjourns*  
- 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm  
  *Board of Directors Lunch and Meeting*
**PFAS in Reuse and Beyond—Regulations, Technologies, and Lessons Learned**

Eva Steinele-Darling PhD, PE, Water Reuse Practice Director, Vice President, Carollo Engineers

As various regions of the country struggle with drought and various water quality issues, water reuse is gaining importance as a valid option for non-potable as well as potable water uses. Eva will provide information on occurrence of PFAS in water reuse and discuss the types of technologies in use today as well as emerging technologies and discuss their efficacy and challenges including disposal.

**Growing Your Business Abroad**

Megan Hyndman, Designated Federal Officer, ETTAC, I&A Office of Energy & Environmental Industries

International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

The U.S. Department of Commerce has a wide range of tools and resources that can help manufacturers sell their products abroad. Megan will present information on the tools and resources available and talk about some of the new initiatives they are supporting in the environment and clean tech space.

**Congressional Outlook for the Next Two Years**

Jon Pawlow Esq., Partner, Earth and Water Law

The current political landscape is challenging at best – a divided Congress, a looming debt ceiling crisis, inflation, and conflicting priorities for each party and the Administration. Jon will provide an overview of the issues that Congress and the Administration are dealing with and the outlook for getting anything done over the next two years.

**FTC Proposed Ban on Non-Compete Agreements and Changes to Severance Agreements — What Might this Mean for Your Business?**

Trey Baker, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

The Federal Trade Commission has proposed a rule to ban non-compete agreements for all employees and independent contractors. In addition, the National Labor Relations Board issued a recent decision on clauses typically contained in severance agreements. Trey will present information on the proposed rule, the legal implications, and the options that may still be available to businesses to address the purpose of non-compete agreements as well as proposed changes to severance agreements.

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