

WWEMA 50TH WASHINGTON FORUM

APRIL 10-12, 2024
HILTON WASHINGTON DC NATIONAL MALL



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AGENDA

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Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Registration

9:00 — 10:30 a.m.

WWEMA Executive Committee Meeting

10:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon

Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

12:00 noon — 2:00 p.m.

Lunch on your Own

2:00 — 3:30 p.m.

Marketing & Member Services Committee Meeting

4:00 — 5:00 p.m.

First Timers, New Members & Guests Meet and Greet

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

8:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Manufacturers Rep Council Breakfast Meeting

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon

General Session

12:00 noon — 1:00 p.m.

Networking

1:00 — 5:00 p.m.

General Session

5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon

Registration

8:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

9:00 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

General Session

12:15 — 3:30 p.m.

WWEMA Board of Directors Lunch and Meeting

Hotel and Meeting Registration

HOTEL INFORMATION

The WWEMA 50th Washington Forum will be held at the Hilton Washington DC National Mall, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The sleeping room rate is \$329 per night plus tax. To make your reservation: [Click here](#) or contact hotel at (202) 484-1000 and reference Washington Forum.

MEETING REGISTRATION

The meeting is open to WWEMA and non-WWEMA members. Visit <https://wwema.org/washington-forum> for more details about registration fees. The online registration link can be found at <https://cvent.me/dl4BDB?locale=en>

This year is the *50th Anniversary of WWEMA's Washington Forum and of the Safe Drinking Water Act*. The WWEMA 50th Washington Forum will be held April 10-12, 2024, in conjunction with the *2024 National Water Policy Week and Fly-In*. You are invited to join us this year for 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 and federal agencies. We have a high-level caliber and diverse 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 the expected impact of the elections after November 2024. Everyone, WWEMA members and non-members alike, is invited to join us for this year's WWEMA 50th Washington Forum. Come join your peers and leaders in the water community and learn about changes that are impacting us today and how we can effectively engage and respond to them.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

9:00 — 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions from Meeting Chair

Tom McCurdy, Director of Environmental Sales, Aerzen USA

2024 WWEMA Washington Forum Chair

9:15 — 10:15 a.m.

The Political Landscape: What Does the Crystal Ball Say?

Keynote Speaker, Steve Hall, Executive Vice President

American Council of Engineering Companies

Water infrastructure markets must sustain the economy, demonstrate superior environmental performance, protect human health, and mitigate cyber, climate, and other physical risks. The continuous and adequate funding of public wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater systems is essential to achieve these goals. Advocacy by the water sector and its partners is fundamental to the continuance of resources necessary to upgrade and maintain our nation's infrastructure. Steve has lead the advocacy program at ACEC for over twenty years and has been working on infrastructure policy his entire career, at ACED and before while working with a number of Members of Congress.

10:15 — 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Water Priorities Discussion

Deborah Nagle, Director, EPA Office of Science and Technology

Wynne Miller, Deputy Director, EPA Office of Wastewater Management

Jennifer McLain, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and

Drinking Water

Brian Frazer, Director, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

In this panel of the U.S. EPA, Office of Water, Headquarters, Washington, DC, senior staff will provide insights on the priorities for each of their offices and the regulatory issues they are tackling in 2024 and beyond. BABAA, 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.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11 (CONTINUED)

12:00 noon — 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch

1:00 — 2:00 p.m.

Congressional Outlook for the....Future?

**Moderator, Caitlin Berretta, Vice Chair, WWEMA Legislative/
Regulatory Committee, Xylem, Inc.**

Joe Brown, U.S. Senate, EPW Committee Staff (Minority)

Tim Petty, U.S. House of Representatives, T&I Committee (Majority)

The upcoming elections add to the uncertainty and complexities for the new Congress and potentially a new Administration. The Congress and Administration will have to continue to address infrastructure funding issues, PFAS liability legislation, cybersecurity among many other challenges. This panel of Congressional Professional Staff will provide an overview of the issues that Congress and the Administration are dealing with and the outlook for resolving them over the next two to four years.

2:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Market Trends and the Impact of the Political Environment

Eric Sapirstein, President, ENS Resources

Holly S. Wade, Executive Director, NFIB Research Center

The market reacts to Washington, DC actions and policy decisions. This year of elections is no different. This discussion will be centered on the state of the economy and indicators important to the water and wastewater sector and how the political environment may impact important outcomes.

3:00 — 3:45 p.m.

PFAS Liability and CERCLA—What Does This Mean for Manufacturers?

Tammy L. Helminski, Attorney at Law, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP

The EPA is poised to designate PFAS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability ACT (CERCLA), also known as the Superfund law. This designation will have significant implications, as any entity handling designated PFAS could incur liability for the recovery and remediation costs of PFAS releasees. Additionally, compliance with federal laws regarding the transportation and disposal of hazardous waste becomes imperative. Tammy will delve into the information that manufacturers need to safeguard themselves from potential liabilities arising from these regulatory changes.

3:30 — 5:00 p.m.

Cybersecurity: The State of the Water Industry

Moderator, Jennifer Walker, Water ISAC

SSA Agent Brian Kaiser, Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Lauren Wisniewski, Water and Wastewater Sector Liaison, CISA's
Stakeholder Engagement Division**

**Nushat Thomas, Cybersecurity Branch Chief, EPA Water Infrastructure
and Cyber Resilience Division (WICRD)**

This panel of cybersecurity experts from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the water sector collaborative WaterISAC (housed within the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)) and a partner of WWEMA will discuss the current state of the water industry in the cybersecurity space.

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5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

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WRF's One Water Research—Collaborating for the Future

**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 a quick summary of the Water Research Foundation's One Water research priorities and focus on how WWEMA and its members may collaborate in research in the future especially as it relates to technologies development and piloting.

10:00 — 11:00 a.m.

And Other Topics....Lead, Etc.

Tom Neltner, Executive Director, Unleaded Kids

PFAS is prominent in our current water and wastewater policy, legislative, and regulator landscape with consequences both to public health and the economic outlook. Tom is a senior advisor to the EPA National Drinking Water Advisory Committee (NDWAC) and as a former Environmental Defense Fund chemicals senior advisor has worked with lead and PFAS for most of his impactful career. Tom will discuss the state of knowledge as it relates to PFAS and lead and where science, policy and public health come together.

11:00 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

EPA Implementation of Build America, Buy America Update and Roundtable

**Tim Connor, Senior Chemical Engineer, Office of Wastewater
Management, U.S. EPA Water Infrastructure Division**

Leslie Corcelli, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

EPA's senior leaders for domestic preference requirements will provide an update on the Agency's implementation of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements for water infrastructure. Join us for this interactive session where you can ask your questions and we can discuss with Leslie and Tim the ins and outs of compliance with these new requirements.

12:15 p.m.

Closing Comments and Adjournment

Tom McCurdy, 2024 WWEMA Washington Forum Chair

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- * Young Professional/New Entrant discount is available for a young professional/new entrant for a company as long as at least one person registers as a Full Registrant. A young professional/new entrant is defined as an individual with less than 5 years' experience in the water sector.
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A 50% refund will be issued on cancellations received by March 15, 2024. No refund will be issued for cancellations made after March 15, 2024.

