



2025 Policy Virtual Workshop

What Clean Water Leaders Need to Know

July 9 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM ET | Virtual Event

Please note that this Virtual Workshop is closed to the Press.

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Wednesday, July 9

1:00 – 1:10 Welcoming & Opening Remarks

Mickey Conway, NACWA President
Chief Executive Officer
Metro Water Recovery | Denver, CO

1:10 – 1:30 Keynote Address

Priorities Update from the US EPA Office of Water

Keynote remarks will be provided by the President's nominee to lead the US EPA's Office of Water, Jessica Kramer, providing an update on the Office's top priorities and current initiatives.

Jessica Kramer, Senior Advisor to the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington, DC

1:30 – 1:55 Congressional Priorities Update

During this session we will review Congress' hectic agenda to date this year and outline where clean water priorities fit in – and the best opportunities to engage and influence.

Drew Griffin, Vice President
Invariant | Washington, DC

Annie D'Amato, Senior Director, Energy and Environment
Invariant | Washington, DC

1:55 – 2:10 Break

2:10 – 3:00 Federal Water Investment Update and Outlook

Clean water agencies and local governments are facing an uncertain federal funding landscape, impacting both investments underway and long-term planning. Attendees will hear the latest regarding US EPA programs, the long-term outlook for water investment through EPA and other key federal agencies and learn about resources and opportunities for engagement.

Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington, DC

Michele Nellenbach, Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy
Steptoe LLP | Washington, DC

Kristina Surfus, Managing Director, Government Affairs
NACWA | Washington, DC

Nathan Gardner-Andrews, Chief Advocacy & Policy Officer
NACWA | Washington, DC

3:00 – 3:30 **PFAS Priorities and Biosolids Management**

Key questions loom for clean water agencies with regards to PFAS under several key federal statutes, each of which will have serious operational and financial implications for clean water agencies and their customers. Attendees will hear the latest lay of the land with a focus on the Draft Sewage Sludge Risk Assessment for PFOA and PFOS and NACWA's efforts to protect biosolids management options and advance CERCLA PFAS passive receiver protections.

Shaina Zarkin-Scott, Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of US Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-03) | Washington, DC

Emily Rimmel, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs
NACWA | Washington, DC

3:30 – 3:55 **Legal Update**

Significant developments impacting clean water agencies continue to play out in federal courts. From Supreme Court decisions concerning environmental statutes to litigation in multiple courts over federal funding disputes, we will look at how the judiciary is increasingly weighing in on issues that could impact day-to-day utility operations and decision-making. We will also highlight how Congress is getting in on the action by considering Clean Water Act reforms aimed at providing permitting certainty.

Amanda Aspatore, Chief Legal Officer
NACWA | Washington, DC

3:55 – 4:00 **Closing Remarks**

Adam Krantz, Chief Executive Officer
NACWA | Washington, DC