



New Orleans, LA | Sept. 26 - 30, 2026



Technical Sessions

Day	Time	Session	Presentation Title	Contact
Monday Sept. 28	4:00 PM	Robust and Reliable Sidestream Nitrogen Removal	Lessons Learned from Deammonification Startup Treating THP Filtrate at Two WRFs	David Wankmuller
	4:00 PM	State of Water Reuse: Aligning Policy and Practice	Transforming Midwest Water Supplies: Lessons from Two Reuse Demonstration Pilots	Philip MacClellan
Tuesday Sept. 29	1:30 PM	Alternative Chemical Disinfection Technologies for Wastewater Treatment	Evaluating the Efficacy of Alternative Wastewater Disinfection Using Ozone and Performic Acid	Gayathri Ram Mohan, Ralph Muvhiwa
	2:30 PM	PFAS Compliance: Treatment Performance and Utility Impacts	Unintended Impacts of the PFAS MCL on Wastewater Utilities	Conner Murray, Kelly Landry
Wednesday Sept. 30	9:00 AM	Digital Maturity and Data Management for Utilities: The Foundation for Data Utilization	Digital Solutions Advancement Roadmap for Optimization in Wastewater Treatment Operations	Eric Polli, Katya Bilyk
	9:15 AM	Circular Water Economy Case Studies	Water Reuse in the Big Apple: NYC's First Guidance Document for Decentralized Non-Potable Systems	Anni Luck, Paul Knowles
	1:30 PM	Digital Twins for Operational Support	Lessons Learned Creating Digital Tools For Advanced Process Control	Katya Bilyk, Nandita Ahuja
	2:30 PM	Modern Utility Asset Management: Integrating Data, Upgrading CMMS, and Advancing Maintenance	From Data Chaos to Strategic Insight: A Utility's Journey in Selecting an Asset Health Monitoring Platform	Sean Pour

Workshops

Day	Time	Session Title	Contact
Saturday Sept. 26	8:30 AM to 5 PM	W07 PFAS Management at Water Resource Recovery Facilities: An Interactive Planning Workshop	Mary Sadler
Sunday Sept. 27	8:00 AM to 5 PM	W09 Understanding and Applying Disinfection Fundamentals (Off-site)	Kati Bell
	8:30 AM to 5 PM	W12 Vapor Phase Odor Control: Avoiding Pitfalls, Achieving Performance	Dick Pope
	8:30 AM to 5 PM	W16 Thickening and Dewatering Optimization: Getting Water Out of Sludge	Derya Durson
	8:30 AM to 5 PM	W18 Biological Nutrient Removal Design: From Principle to Practice	Joe Rohrbacher

Technology Spotlights

Day	Time	Session Title	Contact
Monday Sept. 28	1:15 PM to 2:45 PM	Influent to Effluent: Wastewater Fundamentals / Hall H Booth 7249	Andrew Matsumoto
Wednesday Sept. 30	12:45 PM to 2:15 PM	Aeration Blowers / Hall H Booth 7249	Joe Rohrbacher



Moderators and Facilitators

Day	Time	Interactive	Session	Contact
Monday Sept. 28	1:30 PM		Advancing Biosolids Planning Through Optimization and Collaboration	Matt Van Horne
	1:30 PM		Securing Funding for Your Water Utility: The Secret Sauce	Shane Bragg
Tuesday Sept. 29	8:30 AM		Designing Flexible Aeration Systems for Low Dissolved Oxygen Strategies	Joe Rohrbacher
	8:30 AM		Developing the Water Workforce from Entry to Expertise	Malia Turner
	1:30 PM		A Model Odor Control Session	Dick Pope
	1:30 PM		Ammonia-Based Aeration Control Practice Lessons Learned	Alyssa Mayer
	1:30 PM		Beyond Engagement - Taking Action on Community Input	Julie Karleskint
	3:30 PM		Smarter Ways to Evaluate Peak Flow Management	Alexandria King
	3:30 PM		Advances in Stormwater Treatment Technologies	Christopher Tabor
Wednesday Sept. 30	8:30 AM		Circular Water Economy Case Studies	Jennifer Walsh
	8:30 AM		Decarbonizing Water: Fugitive Methane	Robert Sharp
	8:30 AM		Odor and Corrosion Control: Transformation and Optimization	Dick Pope
	10:30 AM		Microbiology 101: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly	Alyssa Mayer
	10:30 AM		Redesigning Wastewater Operations for Workforce Resilience	Malia Turner
	10:30 AM		Supercharging Next-Gen BNR: Intensification through Smarter Strategic Approaches	Andrew Matsumoto
	10:30 AM		Trust is Trending: Harnessing Creativity to Gain Community Support	Julie Karleskint
	1:30 PM		Challenges and Solutions for Wet-Weather Treatment	Melanie Mann



Award Recognitions

WEF Project Excellence Award: Piscataway WRRF Bioenergy Project

Morgan Operational Solutions Award: Metro Water Recovery