National Water Enforcement Workshop  
November 16 - 17, 2017

Hyatt Regency Savannah  
Savannah, GA

As of October 18, 2017  
All rooms are located on the 2nd Floor unless otherwise indicated.

Agenda

Thursday, November 16
Morning  
11:00 - 12:00  Registration  
Registration Booth

Afternoon  
12:00 – 1:15  Enforcement Workshop Luncheon  
Regency Ballroom AB

Opening Remarks

Mickey Conway  
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee  
General Counsel  
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District  
Denver, CO

Erica Spitzig  
Deputy General Counsel  
NACWA  
Washington, DC

Luncheon Address

Federal Enforcement Priorities – A View from DC
What enforcement agenda can the clean water sector expect from EPA and the Department of Justice in the Trump Administration? Will the Administration’s regulatory reform initiatives signal an increased focus on the cost effectiveness of investments in clean water infrastructure? Are supplemental environmental projects a thing of the past? Will there be greater emphasis on compliance assistance? This session will provide an outlook on federal enforcement priorities for the clean water sector.
Jeffrey H. Wood  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
Washington, DC

1:30 - 4:30
Registration  
Registration Booth

1:30 – 5:00
WORKSHOP SESSION I  
Regency Ballroom CDEF  
Opening Remarks & Workshop Overview

Hilary Meltzer  
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee  
Deputy Chief, Environmental Law Division  
New York City Law Department  
New York, NY

Enforcement 101: How to Avoid, Respond to, and Defend Enforcement Actions
Do you know what to do when EPA shows up at your door? Or, better yet, how to keep them from showing up at all? Learn the nuts and bolts of how best to respond to enforcement, from start to finish. Panelists will discuss how to review your permit with an eye for detail, and what does and doesn’t belong there, so that you can set achievable compliance targets for your utility. Discussion will also cover how to respond to investigations and information requests from EPA, how to negotiate the best deal for your utility, and how to defend yourself in litigation.

Moderator
Michael Witt  
Special Counsel  
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission  
Seacaucus, NJ

Panelists
Patrick Bradley  
Water Quality Manager  
City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities  
Richmond, VA

Tiffany Hedgpeth  
Partner  
Edgcomb Law Group, LLP  
Burbank, CA
Nancy Wilms  
Partner  
Edgcomb Law Group, LLP  
Burbank, CA  

Diana Christy  
Chief Counsel  
Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, OH

Roundtable Sessions Overview  
Erica Spitzig  
NACWA

2:45 – 3:00  
Networking Break

3:00 – 5:00  
Roundtable Sessions – Key Enforcement Issues

Roundtable 1: Effective Negotiation to Achieve the Best Outcome  

Dana Cooper  
Principal  
Cooper Moores LLC  
Baltimore, MD

Roundtable 2: Innovative Practices for Avoiding and Resolving Enforcement  

Tim Braun  
Enterprise Architect  
EmNet, LLC  
South Bend, IN

Randy Hayman  
Principal  
Beveridge & Diamond P.C.  
Washington, DC


Jean Block  
Chief Legal Officer  
Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority  
Little Rock, AR
There’s a New Sheriff in Town—Enforcement & Consent Decree Developments
As the Trump Administration settles in, many questions remain for the clean water sector. Will EPA completely change its philosophy on environmental regulation and enforcement? What does a “return to Cooperative Federalism” mean for states? Will third party litigation change or even increase in response to real or perceived changes in federal priorities? What does it all mean for public clean water agencies? This roundtable discussion will evaluate the latest trends in enforcement and consent decrees, and provide insight into the many questions facing clean water utilities in this time of uncertainty.

Moderator
Nathan Gardner-Andrews
Chief Advocacy Officer
NACWA
Washington, DC

Panelists
Paul Calamita
Chairman
AquaLaw PLC
Richmond, VA
Fred Andes  
Partner  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
Chicago, IL

Nathan Vassar  
Attorney  
Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.  
Austin, TX

Marcella Eckels  
Deputy General Counsel  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection  
New York, NY

Susan Richardson  
Counsel  
Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton, LLP  
Atlanta, GA

9:45 – 10:00  Networking Break

10:00 – 11:45  The Life and Times of a Clean Water Regulator
Have you ever wanted to peer into the innermost thoughts of your state and federal regulators? Ever wonder what EPA and state regulators view as the most important current clean water legal and regulatory issues? Here’s your chance to find out, as a group of senior EPA and state regulatory officials will engage in roundtable discussion on the hottest clean water legal topics of the day. This discussion is a must for any clean water attorney or utility manager wanting to better understand the current priorities of federal and state clean water regulators.

Moderator
Mark Pollins  
Director, Water Enforcement Division - Office of Civil Enforcement  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC

Panelists
Julia Anastasio  
Executive Director  
Association of Clean Water Administrators  
Washington, DC

Jeff Larson  
Assistant Branch Chief for Watershed Protection  
Environmental Protection Division  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Atlanta, GA
Dan Breedlove  
Water Branch Chief  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
Lenexa, KS

William Bush  
Associate Regional Counsel  
Southeast Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Atlanta, GA

Carol King  
Attorney-Advisor  
Water Enforcement Division  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC

11:45 – 12:00  
Closing Remarks/Adjourn  
Erica Spitzig  
NACWA