



# 2026 National Pretreatment Workshop + Training

May 5-8 | The Westin Portland Harborview | Portland, ME

All meeting rooms are located on the ground floor unless otherwise noted.

As of February 27, 2026

## Tuesday, May 5

**7:30 – 4:00**

Main Lobby

### Training Registration

**8:00 – 5:00**

Eastland Ballroom

### TRAINING COURSE: Pretreatment 101 – Introduction to the Pretreatment Program for Wastewater Utilities

This optional, full-day training course is geared toward pretreatment professionals in the first few years of their pretreatment careers. The [Agenda](#) has more information about this course. **Separate registration is required.**

**8:00 – 5:00**

Winslow Homer Room

### TRAINING COURSE: Advanced Local Limits

This optional, full-day training course will provide an in-depth focus on local limits, answering all the “who, what, when, where, why, and how” questions about local limits. The [Agenda](#) has more information about this course. **Separate registration is required.**

**8:00 – 4:30**

Longfellow Room

### TRAINING COURSE: Permitting Decisions & Discussion – Approaches to Permitting Nondomestic Dischargers

This optional, full-day training course will provide a detailed look at the permitting process, starting with the nondomestic survey and continuing through categorical determinations and different types of control mechanisms. The [Agenda](#) has more information about this course. **Separate registration is required.**

## Wednesday, May 6

**6:30**

Hotel Lobby

### Morning Run/Walk through Portland

Join fellow *Workshop* participants for an hour of exercise to begin your day. Runners and walkers of all levels are invited – we will divide into groups of different paces. Rain or shine, please meet us in the lobby!

**7:30 – 12:00**

Main Lobby

### Registration

**8:30 – 8:55**

Eastland Ballroom

### Opening Remarks

**Frank Dick**, Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee  
Wastewater Treatment Engineering Manager  
City of Vancouver | Vancouver, WA

**Adam Krantz**, Chief Executive Officer  
NACWA | Washington, DC

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

**Scott Firmin**, General Manager  
Portland Water District | Portland, ME

**8:55 – 10:00**

### **National Pretreatment Program and Effluent Guidelines Update**

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Headquarters staff will update Workshop attendees on national issues affecting the pretreatment programs at utilities. The latest Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELG) Program developments will be discussed, including the ongoing studies related to PFAS discharges from the Metal Finishing category, the Landfills category, and other industrial categories, as well as the status of the planned study of PFAS discharges to utilities.

**Jan Pickrel**, National Pretreatment Team Coordinator (*invited*)  
Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management  
Office of Water  
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington, DC

**Brian D'Amico**, Director (*invited*)  
Engineering and Science Division, Office of Wastewater Management  
Office of Water  
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington, DC

**10:00 – 10:40**

### **Impacts of Federal Water Policy Actions on Pretreatment**

As EPA finds its footing in the Trump Administration and Congress and the courts continue to look at water issues, including PFAS, federal actions can have significant implications for pretreatment. This panel of NACWA staff will provide updates on the current regulatory, legislative, and regulatory landscape, and how the Association's advocacy is seeking to ensure that the interests of clean water utilities and their pretreatment programs are represented in these arenas.

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

**Amanda Aspatore**, Chief Legal Officer  
NACWA | Washington, DC

**Cynthia Finley**, Director, Regulatory Affairs  
NACWA | Washington, DC

**10:40 – 11:20**

### **Networking Break**

**11:20 – 11:55**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Extending Beyond Pretreatment to Enhanced Source Control for Water Reuse**

Several states have finalized or are in the process of writing potable reuse regulations that include implementation of an "enhanced source control program" (ESCP). An ESCP extends beyond federal pretreatment program requirements, with additional control measures to protect public health. These programs represent a measurable increase in effort and cost for wastewater utilities. Small agencies with little industry still must define and regulate dischargers, whereas larger agencies have to adapt and expand their programs. This presentation will describe the shared components of an ESCP across several state regulations. Implementation

challenges, and case studies. The hurdles utilities had to overcome provide beneficial lessons learned for any utility looking at source control for reuse or any other purposes.

**Mary Kate Forkan**, Lead Scientist  
Carollo Engineers | Reno, NV

**11:55 – 12:00**

### **Closing Remarks**

**Frank Dick**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**12:00 – 2:00**

### **Lunch (on your own or optional networking lunch)**

Whether you are attending the *Workshop* for the first time or are a repeat attendee, the optional networking lunch will be a chance to get to know some new people and share conversations over lunch. After registering for the *Workshop*, you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link to a form that will ask for a few pieces of information from you if you would like to be included in a networking group. We will assign you to a small group and provide a list of nearby restaurants. Each participant will be responsible for paying for their own lunch.

**1:45 – 4:00**

*Main Lobby*

### **Registration**

**2:00– 2:05**

### **Opening Remarks**

**Kerry Britt**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*  
Pretreatment Manager  
Narragansett Bay Commission | Providence, RI

**2:05 – 3:25**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Where Is All the PFAS Coming From? Developments in Source Identification**

The amount of data collection and monitoring for PFAS has increased tremendously over the last few years, but utilities can still face challenges in determining the sources of PFAS in their influent. These case studies will demonstrate how a utility can undertake a collection system study to pinpoint potential industrial sources, and how machine learning algorithms might make this process easier for utilities. The results of a Water Research Foundation study to determine if existing machine learning applications can be expanded to identify PFAS sources in POTW influent and if machine learning can identify correlations between commonly measured influent water quality parameters and PFAS, which could significantly reduce costs and time associated with meeting PFAS source identification requirements and the cost associated with future treatment if source control is implemented.

**Maureen Mulcahy**, Pretreatment Administrator  
South Platte Renew | Englewood, CO

**Jamie Lefkowitz**, Innovation Development Leader  
Brown and Caldwell | South Lake Tahoe, CA

**3:25 – 3:30**

### **Closing Remarks**

**Kerry Britt**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**3:30 – 3:45**

### **Networking Break**

**3:45 – 5:15**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **EPA Regional Roundtable Discussions**

The Regional Roundtable session provides an opportunity for EPA, state, and municipal *Workshop* participants to discuss priority issues in each EPA Region. Regional EPA officials and experts will be on hand to take your questions.

**5:30 – 6:30**

*C2 (Congress Squared)*

### **Welcome Reception**

This complimentary reception is open to all *Workshop* participants and their guests.

**6:30 – 7:45**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Special Film Screening – Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong**

We invite you to the screening of "Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong," a film that was shot right here at a wastewater utility plant in Portland, ME. Join us for an evening full of community appreciation and celebration as we showcase this remarkable work.

## **Thursday, May 7**

**6:30**

*Hotel Lobby*

### **Morning Run/Walk through Portland**

Join fellow *Workshop* participants for another hour of running or walking through Portland. Rain or shine, please meet us in the lobby!

**8:00 – 12:00**

*Main Lobby*

### **Registration**

**8:30 – 9:30**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Pretreatment Issues Roundtable Discussions – Round 1**

This session will provide an opportunity for *Workshop* participants to network with other pretreatment professionals and discuss issues affecting their programs. Tables will be labeled with a topic of discussion, and *Workshop* participants should sit at the table of their choice. Pretreatment issues for discussion will include the following:

- Best Management Practices & Site-Specific Limits
- Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities
- Electronic Data Management & Mobile Apps
- Fats, Oils & Greases (FOG)
- Local Limits Development & Enforcement
- Extra Strength Surcharges
- Marijuana Product Producers
- Microbreweries, Craft Distilleries, & Wineries
- PFAS, PFOA, PFOS, etc.
- Zero Discharge & Non-Significant Categorical Industrial Users
- Pollution Prevention & Source Control
- Mercury Minimization & Dental Amalgam Programs
- Hauled Waste
- Wipes & Other Flushed Products

**9:30 – 9:50**

### **Networking Break**

**9:50 – 9:55**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Opening Remarks**

**Frank Dick**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**9:55 – 11:55**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Local Limits and Surcharges: Strategies for Shared Utility and Industry Success**

How long has it been since your utility did a comprehensive evaluation of your local limits and surcharges? Maybe it has been a long time, or even if it was fairly recent, perhaps you only considered your limits and surcharges the same way your utility has always done it. This session will take a deep dive into local limits

and surcharges, and how the two intersect. Topics will include how to make sense of the past with local limits at your utility, any new permit requirements that you have, and how to construct local limits that will work in the future, considering what is fair and equitable for both existing and future industrial users. The goals of surcharges – managing capacity and recovering costs – will be explored, along with the different options for achieving these goals to the benefit of the treatment plant and industries.

**Chris Desiderati**, Environmental Services Supervisor  
Clackamas Water Environment Services | Oregon City, OR

**Beth Toot-Levy**, Senior Water Resources Scientist  
Geosyntec Consultants | Seven Hills, OH

**11:55 – 12:00**

### **Closing Remarks**

**Frank Dick**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**12:00 – 2:00**

### **Lunch (on your own or optional networking lunch)**

As on Wednesday, *Workshop* participants will have the option to be assigned to a small group for a networking lunch.

**1:45 – 4:00**

*Main Lobby*

### **Registration**

**2:00 – 2:05**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Opening Remarks**

**Kerry Britt**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**2:05 – 2:35**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Sustainable Life Cycles for Consumer Products**

Pretreatment programs are excellent at regulating discharges to industries, but they have no control over discharges from consumer products. When these products are disposed of improperly, contaminants can enter the sewer system and the water environment. This presentation will discuss product stewardship – ensuring that the manufacturers and retailers that profit from consumer products are also responsible for their proper disposal – and how state legislation is leading the way to improve product stewardship policies.

**2:35 – 3:25**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **How Clean is “Green”? Pretreatment for Data Centers and New Technologies**

Data centers, recycling operations, and other “green” technologies seem to be popping up everywhere. While national attention has been drawn to their energy and water use, their discharge of emerging pollutants will be of most concern for the pretreatment programs where these industries are established. This presentation will include an examination of data from different types of facilities, and will discuss practical strategies for permitting these industries to protect wastewater treatment and the environment.

**Sonya Harrison**, Senior Environmental Specialist  
Goldie Associates | Seneca, SC

**3:25 – 3:30**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Closing Remarks**

**Kerry Britt**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**3:30 – 3:45**

### **Networking Break**

**3:45 – 5:15**

*Winslow Homer*

### **NACWA Pretreatment Committee Meeting**

All *Workshop* participants are invited to attend this meeting, whether or not they are members of the Committee.

**5:30 – 6:30**

*Ballroom Foyer*

### **Reception**

This complimentary reception is open to all *Workshop* participants and their guests.

## **Friday, May 8**

**6:30**

*Hotel Lobby*

### **Morning Run through Portland**

Join fellow *Workshop* participants for a final hour of running or walking through Portland. Rain or shine, please meet us in the lobby!

**8:15 – 10:30**

*Main Lobby*

### **Registration**

**8:30 – 9:30**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Pretreatment Issues Roundtable Discussions – Round 2**

Using the same format as the roundtable session on Thursday morning, this second roundtable will provide an additional opportunity for *Workshop* participants to choose a pretreatment issue to discuss with other pretreatment professionals. Pretreatment issues for discussion will include the following:

- Best Management Practices & Site-Specific Limits
- Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities
- Electronic Data Management & Mobile Apps
- Fats, Oils & Greases (FOG)
- Local Limits Development & Enforcement
- Extra Strength Surcharges
- Marijuana Product Producers
- Microbreweries, Craft Distilleries, & Wineries
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- Hauled Waste
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**9:30 – 9:50**

### **Networking Break**

**9:50 – 9:55**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Opening Remarks**

**Frank Dick**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*

**9:55 – 10:30**

*Eastland Ballroom*

### **Marijuana is Spreading Like a Weed – How Should Your Pretreatment Program Respond?**

Marijuana facilities are becoming ubiquitous, but since they do not have the same history of pretreatment regulation that other industries have, utilities may have a steep learning curve in dealing with them. This presentation will provide information to help utilities get started and to avoid unexpected surprises that may occur with these facilities.

**Jonathan Thompson**, Water/Wastewater Engineer  
HDR Engineering, Inc. | Fort Worth, TX

**10:30 – 11:25**

*Eastland Ballroom*

**Focus on FOG: Case Studies**

The challenges with controlling fats, oils, and greases (FOG) never seem to end. This series of utility case studies will focus on how to successfully tackle tough FOG situations and how to prevent them in the future.

**11:25 – 11:30**

**Closing Remarks**

**Frank Dick**, *Co-Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*