



National Water Enforcement Workshop

November 16 - 17, 2017

Hyatt Regency Savannah
Savannah, GA

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

Harborside East,

Opening Remarks

River Street Level

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 Wood
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Environment and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC

1:30 - 4:00 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

Roundtable Sessions Overview

Erica Spitzig
NACWA

2:45 – 3:00

Networking Break

3:00 – 5:00

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Roundtable Sessions – Key Enforcement Issues

Roundtable 1: Effective Negotiation to Achieve the Best Outcome

Dana Cooper
Principal
Cooper Moores LLC
Baltimore, MD

Ashleigh Acevedo
Attorney
Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.
Austin, TX

John Sheehan
Partner
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
Washington, DC

Vernon

Roundtable 2: Innovative Practices for Avoiding and Resolving Enforcement

Tim Braun
Enterprise Architect
EmNet, LLC
South Bend, IN

Debra Baker
Managing Partner
Baker Wotring LLP
Houston, TX

Richard Davis
Attorney at Law
Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.
Washington, DC

Roundtable 3: Practical Defense Strategies for Enforcement—When to Hire a Lawyer, Working with Experts, and Special Litigation Issues

Jean Block

Chief Legal Officer
Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority
Little Rock, AR

Tom Boer

Partner
Hunton & Williams LLP
San Francisco, CA

Adrienne Nemura

Senior Principal
Geosyntec Consultants
Ann Arbor, MI

Evening

6:00 – 7:00

Reception

River Lounge, Lobby Level Enjoy a Taste of Savannah with some old time favorites including some Leopold's Ice Cream

Friday, November 17

Morning

7:30 - 10:00

Registration

Registration Booth

8:00 – 12:00

WORKSHOP SESSION II

Regency Ballroom CDEF

Opening Remarks

Hilary Meltzer

Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

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

New York City 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
US 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

Carin Spreitzer

Associate Attorney
Office of General Counsel
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Albany, NY

Sarah Gonzalez

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

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Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Erica Spitzig

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