

Future-Ready Utilities Start Here

Advocacy, Connection & Empowerment

President's Note

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as NACWA's President this year!

At a time of enormous change in federal environmental policy, our Association is uniquely positioned to help utilities navigate challenges and seize opportunities. NACWA's bipartisan advocacy and bold communications efforts ensure that the clean water sector's voice is heard, and together we will shape a strong future for our communities nationwide.

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The Power of Engagement

NACWA's growing suite of virtual and in-person events, committee meetings, and online forum discussions provided unmatched opportunities for peer-to-peer connection and collaboration on shared clean water challenges and best practice solutions.

44

Total number of in-person and virtual events

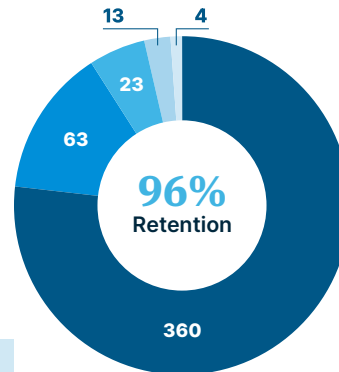
3k+

Attendees, with 15% being first-time participants

1k+

Engaged members participating in committees and task forces

The Power of Our Network



463 Members

- 360 Public Agencies
- 63 Corporate Affiliates
- 23 Legal Affiliates
- 13 Supporting Affiliates
- 4 Public Utility Affiliates

- **28** New members, 19 Public Agencies, 7 Corporate Affiliates, and 2 Legal Affiliates added to our advocacy efforts
- **7500** Clean water professionals at 462 Member Organizations receiving communications and engaging with Association resources
- **130+ Million** People who are served 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year by our members

Amplifying Member Achievements

NACWA Award Programs nationally recognize our members' innovations and accomplishments in environmental compliance, sustainability, and community leadership. They shine a spotlight on the positive impact utilities have on the environment and their customers' lives.

This year:

- **50** National Environmental Achievement Awards were given in 9 categories
- **177** Treatment Facilities were recognized for perfect NPDES Compliance for 5 to 36 consecutive years
- **512** Treatment facilities at 199 Member Agencies earned Peak Performance honors

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With unparalleled relationships across Congress, U.S. EPA, and key stakeholders, NACWA advocacy ensures the utility voice has a direct impact on federal policy. NACWA is dedicated to ensuring federal regulatory, legal, and legislative decisions are based on sound science, smart engineering, and rational economic considerations.



NACWA At Work & United in Action: Our Collective Advocacy

Advancing Federal Investment in Clean Water

- Defended federal funding for clean water amid historic proposed cuts, testifying on the importance of the SRFs and WIFIA.
- Reacted quickly to member concerns on funding delays and shifting administration directives.
- Promoted success stories and built bipartisan support for strong federal investment in water infrastructure.

Driving Change in Law and Policy

- Secured a Supreme Court victory limiting vague permit provisions that threatened critical infrastructure investments.
- Intervened in PFAS litigation to ensure utilities' voices were represented and protected.
- Partnered with agricultural allies to defend "passive receivers" from liability under CERCLA.

Committed to Telling Your Story

- Created BiosolidsExplained.org, a fact-based resource for utilities to communicate with confidence.
- Increased clean water visibility with 30+ media placements positioning clean water issues more prominently in public discourse.
- Launched a bold national communications initiative focused on reshaping how the clean water sector is perceived and how it tells its story.

Charting the Course with a New Administration

- Engaged early with the Trump Administration and new EPA leadership, engaging with Administrator Lee Zeldin and water office nominee Jessica Kramer to advance clean water priorities.
- Worked diligently to be a trusted, knowledgeable and non-partisan source of information proactively educating members of Congress and their staff on clean water issues.
- Strengthened bipartisan relationships in Congress, testifying on funding issues and engaging key committees on PFAS, infrastructure, and investment.

Advocating for Science-Based Policy

- Championed a "polluter pays" approach on PFAS, securing Congressional action and shaping EPA's draft risk assessment to affirm no public or food supply risk from biosolids land application.
- Equipped members with resources, launched BiosolidsExplained.org, and advanced legal and legislative protections to shield utilities from unfair CERCLA liability.



As a leader in clean water policy, we stand ready to support you and ensure your voice is heard in these complex times.

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