

NACWA Webinar – EPA's Survey on Nutrient Removal and Secondary Technologies

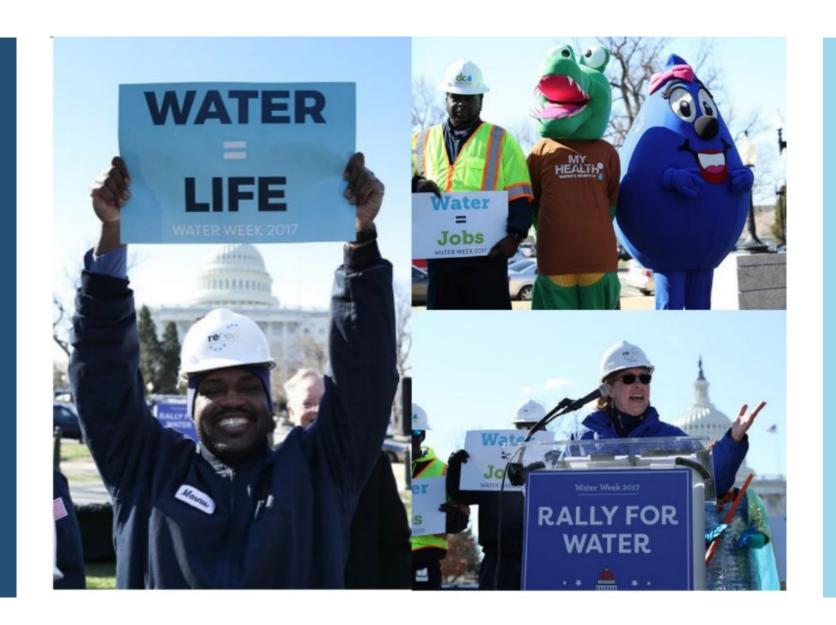
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Today's Speakers and Logistics

- Chris Hornback, Deputy CEO, NACWA
- Jim Pletl, Director, Water Quality, Hampton Roads Sanitation District; NACWA Water Quality Committee Chair
- Logistics:
 - All participants are muted; use the Q&A box to ask questions

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- National trade association for public wastewater & stormwater utilities
- Represents over 320 public utilities of all sizes from around the nation
- Leader in legislative, regulatory, legal & communications advocacy on the full spectrum of clean water issues



NACWA Engagement

- U.S. EPA Survey NACWA has been engaged for several years
 - Was mandatory, now voluntary
 - Some problematic content removed
 - Shorter, less time to complete
- EPA remains focused on point source contributions of nutrients
- Survey raises broader policy questions

The Survey

- Screener Survey is first part of a planned, multi-year study
- Screener Survey went live online October 22
- Responses are due by November 26
- EPA's Study Objectives
- NACWA Board decided not to object to the survey if key changes were made

NACWA's Concerns with the Survey

- NACWA did not support a mandatory survey EPA made the decision to use a voluntary approach instead
- How will the data be used by EPA? Will it be safe?
- What is the burden for utilities who choose to complete the survey?
- Some problematic content removed from the survey, but some remains

NACWA's Concerns -Background

- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Petitioned EPA in 2007 to modify secondary treatment to include nutrients
 - EPA denied the petition in 2012, but the screener survey and broader study EPA has planned would provide a roadmap for moving in this direction
- Optimization A stated goal of the Survey is to help utilities identify opportunities for 'low cost' optimization to remove nutrients
 - Pros and cons
 - Another EPA pressure point on utilities

Next Steps

- Screener Survey went live online October 22
- Responses are due by November 26
- NACWA is recommending that each utility discuss internally the pros and cons of responding to the survey before deciding how to proceed.

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