NACWA 2020 Press Clips



APRIL 13

Adam Krantz and NACWA Communications Manager, David Zielonka, were interviewed for **WaterWorld** regarding the impact on the public clean water sector by the pandemic.

https://www.waterworld.com/drinking-water/video/14173911/covid19-and-the-water-industry-the-economic-impact

APRIL 6

"...congressional Democrats want \$12bn for water subsidies in the fourth rescue package, with grants for utilities conditional on shutoff moratoriums. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies expects the pandemic to cost \$12.5bn in lost revenue due to unpaid bills, debt forgiveness and restoring service."

The Guardian featured NACWA's request for \$12.5bn in financial relief during stimulus negotiations in a story covering water shut-off moratoriums.

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/06/millions-us-at-risk-losing-running-water-amid-layoffs-triggered-coronavirus-pandemic

APRIL 6

NACWA's Regulatory Director, Cynthia Finley, was interviewed by the **Columbia Journalism School** on flushable wipes.

https://medium.com/columbiajourn/toilet-paper-shortages-likely-to-strain-sewer-systems-6de35a42052a

APRIL 1

"The nation's public clean water utilities have tens of billions of dollars of construction projects in the pipeline that could employ thousands of Americans, and we look forward to working with the Administration and Congress"

Adam Krantz quoted in **Bloomberg** regarding water infrastructure projects in stimulus discussions.

https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/democrats-seek-water-grid-funding-in-next-virus-stimulus-bill?context=search&index=1

APRIL 1

Adam Krantz quoted in **E&E News** article on green infrastructure projects during stimulus negotiations.

https://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1062761607

APRIL 1

Tunneling Business Magazine covered the proposed infrastructure investments during the pandemic stimulus discussions, highlighting NACWA's advocacy work.

https://tunnelingonline.com/trump-democrats-signal-interest-in-infrastructure-for-phase-4-stimulus/

APRIL 1

"While it is important to support our airlines and cruise industries, it strikes me that Congress should also be ensuring similar funding support through grants and loans to ensure needed maintenance and construction projects will proceed at the Nation's water utilities,"

Adam Krantz featured in **Water Quality Products Magazine** story on stimulus package negotiations.

https://www.wqpmag.com/coronavirus-covid-19/stimulus-package-excludes-financial-relief-water-sector

MARCH 30

NACWA's #ToiletsAreNotTrashcans campaigned featured in flushable wipes story on **Bloomberg**.

https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/epa-urges-public-to-only-flush-toilet-paper-not-wipes?context=search&index=2

MARCH 27

"It failed to offer support to one of the most fundamental services that everyday citizens need now more than ever — clean water."

Adam Krantz quoted in **E&E News** on result of pandemic stimulus negotiations.

https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2020/03/27/stories/1062711519

Smart Water Magazine featured NACWA's press statement requesting aid during pandemic stimulus negotiations and featured a quote from Adam Krantz.

https://smartwatermagazine.com/news/smart-water-magazine/stimulus-package-us-congress-does-not-include-financial-relief-water

MARCH 26

"At a time when proper sanitation and the flow of clean water to every home, hospital, and essential industry is more critical than ever before, the decision to not include meaningful support for this sector is shameful."

Adam Krantz quoted in **Politico** regarding stimulus talks.

https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-energy/2020/03/26/senate-passes-emergency-package-without-green-provisions-786398

MARCH 26

"The trade group asked Congress for \$3 billion to help low-income Americans pay their water bills, along with billions of dollars more to help water utilities directly. They didn't get it, which left Krantz disappointed. 'You're going to be funding cruise ships and you're going to be funding airlines,' he said. Water utilities 'deserve something as well to get through this time.' Still, he's optimistic that Congress will provide for utilities in the next coronavirus relief bill or the one after that."

Interview with Adam Krantz featured as top story in **Politico**.

https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-influence/2020/03/26/who-lost-out-in-the-senates-coronavirus-bill-786420

MARCH 26

"Congress must recognize and support the water sector workforce's sacrifice and contributions during this time of need by providing the financial relief this sector needs and requests."

Adam Krantz featured in story by **InsideEPA** covering the public clean water sector's requests during pandemic stimulus negotiations.

https://insideepa.com/daily-news/water-sector-continues-push-coronavirus-aid-future-legislation

"Clean water agencies provide life-sustaining services that protect public health and will work through this crisis alongside other first responders in our communities."

Adam Krantz featured in story by **WaterWorld** about the sector's advocacy during the pandemic stimulus, as well as the essential nature of the sector's workforce.

https://www.waterworld.com/drinking-water/infrastructure-funding/article/14172836/utility-coronavirusrelated-losses-estimates-to-top-125b

MARCH 25

"NACWA CEO Adam Krantz told E&E News that water providers continue to 'go above and beyond' during the pandemic to ensure access to households nationwide and that he is hopeful 'that congressional leaders will do the same by providing this much-needed financial support to America's water sector."

E&E News published a story covering stimulus negotiations, featuring a quote from Adam Krantz.

https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2020/03/25/stories/1062693921

MARCH 25

"Facial tissues might seem safe to flush because they look so much like toilet paper"

NACWA Regulatory Directory, Cynthia Finley, was featured in a story by **ABC**'s Sacramento affiliate regarding flushable wipes.

https://www.abc10.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/why-guy-question/why-grocery-store-employees-are-not-wearing-masks/103-b674ac5f-63fd-4292-8264-e8e23160d71d

MARCH 24

NACWA's letter to Congress asking for financial relief during pandemic stimulus discussions featured in **Politico**.

https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-energy/2020/03/24/energy-issues-in-stimulus-limbo-786329

MARCH 24

Municipal Sewer and Water Magazine featured NACWA's advocacy efforts during stimulus discussions.

https://www.mswmag.com/online_exclusives/2020/03/news-briefs-utilities-ask-congress-for-billions-in-relief-as-industrial-customers-scale-back-operations

"Wipes, napkins, tissues and paper towels — whatever you are being creative with should not go in the toilet."

E&E News published story covering utilities' various campaigns against flushing wipes, featuring a quote from NACWA Communications Manager, David Zielonka.

https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2020/03/20/stories/1062655413

MARCH 20

Bloomberg published a story highlighting NACWA's \$12.5bn request to Congress to offset revenue shortfall during pandemic.

https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/wastewater-utilities-seek-12-5-billion-for-virus-related-losses?context=search&index=4

MARCH 20

"Federal assistance targeted to addressing the burden on ratepayers and making utilities whole for doing their part to ease the pandemic -- maintaining and restoring access to services -- is critically needed at this time."

Adam Krantz quoted in **InsideEPA** story covering the water sector's advocacy efforts during stimulus talks.

https://insideepa.com/daily-news/water-utilities-seek-financial-assistance-coronavirus-stimulus-package

MARCH 18

"America's public clean water utilities and the hardworking men and women who operate them remain essential public servants on the front lines of environmental protection and will continue to ensure access to clean water services during this period."

Adam Krantz quoted in **E&E News** highlighting clean water sector workforce as essential public servants during pandemic.

https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2020/03/18/stories/1062638103

MARCH 18

NACWA cited in **InsideEPA** story about water shut-off moratoriums during pandemic.

https://insideepa.com/daily-news/congress-faces-pressure-prohibit-water-shutoffs-coronavirus-bill

NACWA cited in **Bloomberg** story about flushable wipes.

https://news.bloomberglaw.com/environment-and-energy/avoid-fatbergs-dont-flush-wipes-due-to-virus-california-says

MARCH 16

"We've found that wipes, especially baby wipes and cleaning wipes, are so strong that they can cause issues with pumps and other equipment the fastest. Even wipes labeled as flushable, though they're not as bad as the baby wipes, can still cause pumps to increase power usage and they'll also accumulate within the pump."

NACWA Regulatory Director, Cynthia Finley, was interviewed by **Water Finance & Management** on wipes legislation at the state level.

https://waterfm.com/nacwa-state-bills-to-address-wipes-gain-traction/

MARCH 10

"Adam Krantz, CEO of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, said he believes the technological innovations and 'cutting-edge partnerships' that will form once "ARPA-H2O" is passed into law will help revolutionize how people think about the most fundamental natural resource — water.' Krantz said the legislation 'will help further advance the move toward clean water agencies becoming smart utilities that embrace the full array of sustainable, resource recovery initiatives."

E&E News published story on ARPA-H2O bill, with quote from Adam Krantz.

https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2020/03/10/stories/1062563097

MARCH 10

"This bill marks Congress's recognition that clean water is an essential part of America's infrastructure system."

Adam Krantz quoted in **InsideEPA** article covering the introduction of ARPA-H2O legislation.

https://insideepa.com/daily-feed/bipartisan-house-bill-would-create-epa-water-technology-research-program

MARCH 9

"Surfus also noted that federal funding has come from loans rather than grants, which puts the burden on the ratepayer, something NACWA is working with lawmakers to change. She noted that although these loans help communities get low interest rates, it 'exasperates the burden for local rate payers. [While] we're glad that the funding has

gone up in recent years, there is a lot more need. And on top of traditional needs like aging infrastructure, we've got growing new challenges."

NACWA's Managing Director of Government Affairs, Kristina Surfus, was featured in a story about water advocacy in Washington, D.C. for **WaterWorld**.

https://www.waterworld.com/drinking-water/infrastructure-funding/article/14169168/advocating-for-clean-water

MARCH 4

NACWA featured alongside other water sector partners in article covering EPA's potential PFAS Biosolids Standards in **InsideEPA**.

https://insideepa.com/daily-news/amidst-utility-concern-epa-faces-calls-pfas-biosolids-standard

MARCH 2

"NACWA is proud to have participated alongside a variety of stakeholders in the water sector as well as EPA in advancing the recommendations contained within the Water Reuse Action Plan,' said NACWA CEO Adam Krantz. 'Ensuring cooperation among all stakeholders on reuse is the key to achieving the ambitious goals developed by this diverse coalition. NACWA looks forward to advancing the reuse initiatives unveiled today."

Adam Krantz quoted in **Water Finance & Management** article on National Water Reuse Action Plan.

https://waterfm.com/water-sector-collaborates-on-national-water-reuse-action-plan/

FEBRUARY 25

"To cast the concerns of thousands of hard working public clean water agency employees, and the needs of the communities they serve, as anything but conscientiously attempting to address a growing number of environmental, regulatory, budgetary, and political challenges, shows, at best, a willful withholding of the facts or, at worst, a desire to cast these hardworking individuals at the front lines of environmental protection in a disparaging and negative light in the selfish pursuit of clicks, page views, and digital engagement during an election year."

Integrated Planning Op-ed by Adam Krantz published in **Bloomberg**.

https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/insight-integrated-planning-for-local-clean-water-agencies-a-valuable-bipartisan-initiative-5?context=search&index=9

FEBRUARY 20

Adam Krantz was interviewed by Washington, D.C.'s WAMU, an **NPR** affiliate, for a story on Integrated Planning.

https://wamu.org/story/20/02/20/why-a-plan-to-keep-sewage-out-of-the-potomac-was-on-the-chopping-block/

FEBRUARY 10

USA Today covered Utah's 'Toilets are not trash cans' campaign, noting NACWA's campaign at the national level.

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/02/10/toilets-not-trash-cans-utah-funding-request/4719982002/

JANUARY 24

"Water utilities 'are environmentalists and public stewards,' Mr. Krantz said. 'To the extent more time or flexibility is requested on a given consent decree, it is because it is needed to attain compliance' with the terms of that agreement."

The New York Times published a story about Integrated Planning, featuring quotes from Adam Krantz.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/24/climate/epa-sewage-rivers.html