

Wisconsin Wastewater Operators Association 60th Annual Conference				
Grand D/E Grey	Grand A: Purple	Grand B: Green	Grand C: Orange	Grand G: Blue
Technical Program Schedule WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026 5.5 CECs available				
8:30 to 8:45 am	Grand D/E Welcome Address by Ben Brooks, WWOA President			
8:45 to 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker: Shalina Ali, Co-Director of True Skool			
	Visit the Exhibit Hall – 10:00 am - 5:00 pm			
	Session A Tertiary Treatment	Session B Environmental Impacts	Session D Construction Management	Session C Biosolids
Moderator:	Kevin Berg	Neal Kolb	Diane Thoune	Brian Helminger
10:30 to 11:10 am	Holistic Approach Provides Optimized Low-Level Phosphorus Removal at the City of Marshfield WWTP	Wastewater Monitoring for Infectious Diseases: Achievements and Future Direction of the Wisconsin Program	An Owner's Guide to Thriving During WWTP Construction Projects	Is it Time to Rethink Biosolids Management?
Speaker(s):	Troy Larson, Matt Luther - Strand Associates	Adelaide Roguet - WI State Lab of Hygiene	Coty Weathersby, Kim Scherber, PE - MSA Professional Services	Jon Butt, Zach Heis - Mead & Hunt; Peter Hartz - City of Watertown
11:15 to 11:55 am	Diagnosing Disc Filters	Building Your Utility's Resilience Against the Present and Future Impacts of Climate Change	Keeping Things Clean: The Effective Use of MOPs to Navigate Challenging Plant Shutdowns During Construction	Dried Biosolids Land Application Program Management and Monitoring
Speaker(s):	Tom Crouse, Eric Lynne - Donohue & Associates	Ezra Meyer - WI-DNR	Jon Herrboldt - Carollo Engineers	Evan Hunsanger - Strand Associates, Inc.
12:00 to 1:00 pm	Walk Around Lunch in the Exhibit Hall			
	Session E Collections	Session F Facility Planning	Session H Activated Sludge	Session G PFAS Forever
Moderator:	Jeff Dempsey	Cody Schopke	McKala Kiessling	Dan Rider
1:00 to 1:40 pm	Evaluating Manhole Design, Deterioration, and I/I Contributions in Collection Systems	Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Capital Projects - What to Expect and How to Implement a Successful Project	Cold Weather Nitrification and Improved Secondary Sludge Settability: Mobile Organic Biofilm (MOB) Process Demonstration at a Minnesota WWTP	PFAS 101 - Everything You Didn't Want to Know about PFAS (and Never Would Have Asked)
Speaker(s):	Andy Zimmer, Zachery Adams - MSA Professional Services	Evan Hunsanger - Strand Associates	Erik Anderson - Nuvoda	Tonya Chandler - BioLargo Equipment Solutions and Technologies, Inc.
1:45 to 2:25 pm	Good Governance for Small Wastewater Systems	Facilities Planning: Create a Game Plan for the Future	How Are We Doing? A Comparison of SSWRF's New and Existing Aeration Systems Operating During Construction	PFAS Technology Overview for Biosolids
Speaker(s):	John Butler - Michigan Tech University, Chanz Green - State Assembly	Leo Kucek - Applied Technologies, Inc.	Lindsey Busch - Carollo Engineers	Randy Wirtz - Strand Associates
2:30 to 3:10 pm	Check Your Pipeline's Pulse: Understanding Water Hammer Before it Hits	Selecting the Right Fit: Engineering Made Simple for City Leaders, Public Works Directors, Superintendents, and Operators	Low Dissolved Oxygen Biological Nutrient Removal: A Focus on Flexibility	Seven Habits of Highly Effective PFAS Source-Trackers
Speaker(s):	Chase Przybylski - MSA Professional Services	Michael Novitzski - ISG	Jonessa Ruhl - Strand Associates	Soroosh Mortazavian, Michelle Young - Carollo Engineers
3:15 to 5:15 pm	Operators' Competition in the center of the Exhibit Hall			
3:15 to 5:15 pm	Exhibitors' Social Hour in the center of the Exhibit Hall			

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 7.3 CECs available				
Visit the Exhibit Hall – 8:00 am – 11:45 am				
Session K Electrical Systems	Session J Proof of Concepts	Session L Potpourri	Session I LAB	
Moderator: Jon Ellis	Jenny Pagel	Aaron Eichhorst	Marc Stephanie	
Understanding NFPA 820 and NEC Required Electrical Working Clearances	Proving the Concept - How to Use Pilot and Jar Tests to Add Confidence to Your Process Improvements	Hauled Waste Receiving Process and Operations Experience	Preparing Your Laboratory for Turnover	
Speaker(s): Allen Steffen, Dominic Zawacki - MSA, Inc.	Troy Larson, Matt Luther - Strand Associates	Allen Williams - Donohue & Associates	Tom Trainor, Matthew Stowe - WDNR/Lab Certification	
Electrical System Condition Assessment and Replacement Planning	What Does it Take to Run a Full-Scale Demonstration?	Clarifier Optimizataion: How to Fit a Circle in a Square Hole	Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Test Perspectives from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	
Speaker(s): Jay Bielanski - Donohue & Associates	Gretchen Gutenberger - Black & Veatch; Tyler Biese - NEW Water	Adam Filz - Donohue & Associates; Jake Becken - NEW Water	Laura Gerold, Andrea Gruen - WI-DNR	
Break in the Exhibit Area				
Session O Start-Up/Troubleshooting	Session N AI for Wastewater	PLEASE VISIT THE EXHIBIT AREA	Session M Lessons Learned	
Moderator: Jake Guth	Ben Huffman		Troy Larson	
Diagnose Before You Dose: Smarter Wastewater Troubleshooting	User-Centric AI for Wastewater Management		Tales from the Road: Part 2	
Speaker(s): Daniel McKeaton - Aquafix, Inc.	Arul Mariamuthu - EQRx; Bharath Jayapal, Dan Mason - City of Racine		Tony Roche, Jesse Hass - Wisconsin Rural Water Assoc.	
The First 30 Days: Practical WWTP Startup Lessons in Mechanical Equipment, Electrical Systems, and Biology	Seeing the Process: Simulation-Based Training for Wastewater Operators		Tricks of the Trade	
Speaker(s): Dylan Friss, Luke Pederson - SEH, Inc.	Matt Castillo, Jacob Novitch - MSA Professional Services		Troy Larson, Tom Steinbach - Strand Associates	
Operators' Luncheon in Grand D/E				
WWOA Business Meeting in Grand D/E				
Plant Tour (Sign up at Registration Required)				
Session P Emerging Technologies	Session Q Phosphorus Management	Session R Cost, Security, Management	Movie Screening	
Moderator: Dan Mason	Brooke Klingbeil	Nate Tillis	Screening of: "Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong" (Grand G)	
Advancing Phosphate Removal with a Novel On-site Ferrate Reagent Generation Technology	Tips for Writing an Approvable Water Quality Trading Plan	The Cost of Clean - 2025 Wisconsin Sewer User Charge Survey		
Speaker(s): Jonathan Cleveland, Dr. Vladimir - AMS Ltd.	Laura Gerold, Keith Marquardt - WI-DNR	Pat Morrow - MSA Professional Services		
DMR Flight School - How to Avoid Frequent Flyer Mistakes	MDV and WQT: Inside and Outside the Fence Approaches to Phosphorus Compliance	Security by Design: Considerations to Protect Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems		
Speaker(s): Brooke Klingbeil, Amy Garbe - WI-DNR	Nora Rickman, MacKenzie Phillips - MSA Professional Services	Deborah Goehner - Town & Country Engineering		

3:05 to 3:45 pm	Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS) in Continuous Flow Plants: No Longer Just for Batch Operation	Leveraging Full Scale Watershed Adaptive Management as an Alternative Compliance Option for Effluent Regulatory Compliance in Green Bay, WI	Wisconsin Wastewater Trends: Lessons Learned by Integrating Energy Data in CMAR Reporting	
Speaker(s):	Betty-Ann Curtis - Parkson Corporation	Ben Young - NEW Water	Joe Kottwitz - Focus on Energy	
6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Social Hour Awards Banquet in Grand D/E			
9:00 pm (approx.)	Post Awards Banquet Entertainment (Bean Bag Toss Tournament for Cash)			
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8:00 to 10:30 am	Operators' Farewell Breakfast in Grand D/E Moderator: Jenny Pagel, WWOA President Farewell Presentation: Andrew Iverson - State Director for Rural Development; What to Expect when We're Inspecting - Kati Jo Jerzak; Strengthening Wastewater Infrastructure Through Leadership - Caleb White			
	<i>Conclusion of Conference</i>			

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	Pre-Conference Workshop / OP CERT Exams	
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	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 3.0 CECs available	
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9:00am to 12:00pm		OP CERT Exam Session 1
Speaker(s):	Rick Mealy	WDNR Staff
1:00 to 4:00 pm	Stuff My Lab Manager Wife Asks	OP CERT Exam Session 2
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Regional Officers Meeting (Grand G)	
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Meet & Greet - River View 2	