



Fall



Conference

Fort Wayne, IN

October 13-15

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Agenda At a Glance

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30am-11:30am Badge Pick-Up Opens
8:00am-5:00pm Wastewater Operator Certification Exam Review **Separate Registration Required. Additional Fee.*
9:00am-1:00pm CPR & First Aid Training
**Separate Registration Required. Additional Fee. No CEUs.*
11:30am-2:00pm Board of Directors Lunch & Meeting
1:00pm-5:30pm **Badge Pick-Up Reopens / On-Site Registration Opens**
1:30pm-5:30pm Exhibitor Setup
2:00pm-3:50pm Concurrent Training Sessions
2:00pm-4:00pm Camp Scott Wetlands Tour
4:00pm-5:00pm Roundtable Conversations with AIRW
6:00pm-8:00pm Conference Kickoff Party sponsored by Carson Law

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00am-5:30pm Badge Pick-Up / On-Site Registration
(Closed 12:30pm-1:30pm)
8:00am-5:30pm Exhibit Hall Open
8:00am-9:30am Continental Breakfast
8:50am-9:40am Concurrent Training Sessions
9:00am-11:00am Filtration Plant Tour
9:15am-11:15am Camp Scott Wetlands Tour
9:40am-10:10am Exhibit Hall Break
10:10am-11:00am Concurrent Training Sessions
11:00am-11:30am Exhibit Hall Break
11:30am-12:20pm Concurrent Training Sessions
12:30pm-2:00pm Best Tasting Water in Indiana Luncheon
2:00pm-4:00pm Filtration Plant Tour
2:10pm-4:05pm Concurrent Training Sessions
3:00pm Cookie Break in Exhibit Hall
4:00pm-5:30pm Football Tailgate Party: Exhibitors' Reception
8:00pm-10:00pm Hospitality Event in Hilton Atrium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00am-12:00pm Badge Pick-Up / On-Site Registration
8:00am-12:15pm Exhibit Hall Open
8:00am-9:00am Annual Membership Meeting & Hot Breakfast
9:00am-11:00am Pollution Control Plant Tour
9:10am-10:00am Concurrent Training Sessions
10:00am-10:30am Exhibit Hall Break/Snack Break
10:30am-11:20am Concurrent Training Sessions
11:30am-12:00pm WaterPAC Raffle & Photo Contest Winners Announced
12:00pm-1:15pm Lunch on Your Own
12:00pm-2:00pm Pollution Control Plant Tour
12:15pm-2:15pm Exhibitor Tear Down
1:20pm-2:10pm Concurrent Training Sessions
2:10pm Shotgun Raffle & Gamification Winners Announced

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

PICK UP YOUR RED CONFERENCE BAG

Make sure to use your token & tickets in your welcome bag! You'll get a token for a free conference t-shirt, a ticket for the tailgate party giveaway, a chance to win Beats Headphones, AND one free WaterPAC raffle ticket.

CONFERENCE KICKOFF PARTY

Don't miss the conference hospitality event Tuesday evening in the Carson Law Office Gathering Space, which features beautiful downtown views overlooking the Fort Wayne TinCaps baseball field. Please join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and networking. Thank you to Carson Law for hosting.

Tuesday, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Carson Law Building
301 West Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 200,
Fort Wayne, IN 46802



ENTER THE WATERPAC RAFFLE

Kick things off by grabbing your free raffle ticket from your red conference bag. Then stack your chances—visit participating exhibitors for engagement tickets. We're drawing for great prizes this year, headlined by the Grand Prize: an Official Indianapolis Colts Experience! Drawings take place Thursday at 11:30am in the Exhibit Hall. You must be present to win the Grand Prize and the Shotgun Raffle. All proceeds support the National WaterPAC Fund, championing rural water and wastewater in Washington, DC.

WaterPAC Raffle
Thursday, 11:30am
Exhibit Hall

Shotgun Raffle
Thursday, 2:10pm
Info Desk

GET THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE MOBILE APP

Download our Conference Mobile App! The app will provide you with the latest updates about our event, keeping you informed and connected. Use this app to access resources, network with other attendees, and share your experience at our event.

To download the App, search "Alliance Conference"

BONUS! When you are active on the app by completing our Gamification challenges, you'll have an opportunity to win some great prizes! The top three attendees with the most points at 1:30pm on Thursday will win cash prizes! Winners announced Thursday at 2:10pm.

SCAN ME!



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FORT WAYNE UTILITY & TREATMENT PLANT TOURS

Tour of Camp Scott Wetlands

Tuesday, October 13
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday, October 14
9:15am - 11:15am

Fort Wayne Water Filtration Plant Tour

Wednesday, October 14
9:00am - 11:00am & 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Fort Wayne Water Pollution Control Plant Tour

Thursday, October 15
9:00am - 11:00am & 12:00pm - 2:00pm

These tours are worth 2 hours of continuing education credits.
Sign up at the Info Desk. *Transportation provided.*
**Space is limited.*

BEST TASTING WATER IN INDIANA COMPETITION

Presented by Wessler Engineering

Hammond Water Works, REO Water, Inc., Connersville Utilities, and City of Fort Wayne will compete for the title of Best Tasting Water in Indiana during the luncheon on Wednesday, October 14.

A panel of judges will evaluate each entry for taste, odor, and clarity. The winner will be featured in the Alliance's Membership Magazine, *Hoosier Pipeline*, and will receive an all-inclusive trip to Washington, DC, to represent Indiana in the National Rural Water Association Great American Water Taste Test 2027.



Wednesday, 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Exhibit Hall

FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARTY!

Get ready for some game day fun in the Exhibit Hall! Join us for our Football Tailgate Party, a new twist on the Exhibitors' Reception featuring food, drinks, games, a 360 photo booth, and plenty of time to connect with exhibitors and fellow attendees.

Wear your favorite team's jersey or colors and come ready to have some fun. Be sure to check out the decorated exhibitor booths and enjoy all the tailgate action throughout the Exhibit Hall!

Swing by the caricature station for your free sketch!

Wednesday, 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Exhibit Hall

Bar Host:



Caricatures.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

During this meeting, three (3) members of the Alliance Board of Directors will be elected to fill three open Director seats. (Only authorized voting delegates will be permitted to cast a ballot.) The 2025 financials will be presented to the AIRW Membership. A hot breakfast buffet will be served during the meeting.

This is the time to deposit your Beats Headphone ticket!

Thursday, 8:00am – 9:00am
Exhibit Hall

HOSPITALITY EVENT

Stop by for an evening of fun, complete with friends, snacks, and drinks.

Wednesday, 8:00pm – 10:00pm
Hilton Hotel – Atrium

COOKIE & SNACK BREAKS

Take a break from classes to enjoy a snack and chat with our vendors in the Exhibit Hall.

Cookie Break sponsored by:
Indiana Pump Works



Wednesday, 3:00pm

Snack Break sponsored by:
American Pump Repair & Service, Inc.



Thursday, 10:00am

GAMIFICATION CHALLENGE

Play Along in the Conference App!

Turn your conference experience into a game! Open the conference app and complete challenges throughout the event to earn points and climb the leaderboard. It's a fun way to explore the conference, connect with exhibitors, and see how you stack up against other attendees.

Keep playing throughout the conference for your chance to win cash prizes!

Winners announced:
Thursday, 2:10pm
Info Desk

1st Place - \$200 | 2nd Place - \$100 | 3rd Place - \$50

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Download the Conference App and let the games begin! Cash prizes for Gamification will be given out on Thursday!



Administrative Track



Wastewater Track



Water Track

7:30am - 11:30am

Badge Pick-Up

8:00am - 5:00pm

Wastewater Operator Certification Exam Review

Pete Crowl – Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

Jefferson A | Wastewater

8 Technical Wastewater

**Separate Registration Required*

This 8-hour wastewater operator certification exam review course focuses on the topics found on certification exams. Emphasis is placed on the wastewater certification manual review of rules, regulations, and requirements, as well as on regulatory reporting responsibilities. Participants will also review the activated sludge process, laboratory equipment, and testing. Additional topics include wastewater mathematics, solids handling, disinfection, and maintenance concepts. The course is designed to reinforce key knowledge areas and improve exam readiness through focused review.

9:00am - 1:00pm

CPR & First Aid Training

James McDonald – Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

Harrison A

**Separate Registration Required*

This hands-on course delivers essential emergency response training, including adult, child and pediatric CPR based on the updated 2025 HeartSaver guidelines, as well as fundamental first aid skills. Participants will practice chest compressions, rescue breaths, and proper AED use, and learn how to respond to common emergencies such as choking, bleeding, burns, fractures, and shock.

This course does not offer technical or general CEUs. However, participants will receive the required training to earn a HeartSaver CPR certification.

11:30am - 2:00pm

AIRW Board of Directors Lunch & Meeting

Second Floor Gallery

1:00pm - 5:30pm

Badge Pick-Up Kiosk Reopens / On-Site Registration Opens

2:00pm - 2:50pm

The Latest on Legislation

Lindsey Moss Willey – Bose Public Affairs Group

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Stay current on the latest legislative and regulatory developments affecting Indiana's water and wastewater utilities. This session will cover recently enacted legislation, emerging policy issues, implementation timelines, and potential impacts on utility operations, governance, funding, compliance, and planning. Attendees will also learn about current legislative priorities and what utilities should be watching in the coming year.

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Water Track



Riley, IN WWTP Issues & Improvements

Tyler Nevill & Kimberly Brown - Indiana American Water

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

This session explores operational and infrastructure challenges following Indiana American Water's acquisition of the Riley Wastewater Treatment Plant, including lift station failures and the replacement of aging aeration diffusers while maintaining treatment operations. Attendees will learn how these challenges were addressed, key lessons learned, and strategies implemented to improve long-term reliability and operational resilience.



Pump Troubleshooting and Maintenance for Water and Wastewater Utilities

Dylan Ellis & Brandon Butrum - Layne Christensen

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

This session covers pump types and components, routine maintenance, common causes of pump failure, basic troubleshooting, and typical repairs. Attendees will learn preventive maintenance practices that can extend equipment life, improve reliability, and reduce unplanned downtime.



2:00pm - 4:00pm



Tour of Camp Scott Wetlands

2 Technical Water | 2 Technical Wastewater

Sign up at the Info Desk. Transportation provided. Space is limited.



3:00pm-3:50pm



Steady Streams, Strong Reserves: The Art of Utility Treasury Management

Baker Burchfield - IBN Asset Management

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Changing interest rates, evolving regulations, and growing infrastructure needs make effective treasury management more important than ever. Attendees will explore the principles of safety, liquidity, and yield while learning practical strategies for balancing risk and return, optimizing cash flow, and strengthening reserves for long-term financial stability.



Alphabet Sludge: WAS, RAS, and WTF Does It Spell for Your Plant?

Jase Hixson - Antea Group USA

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Effective solids management is critical to wastewater treatment performance and permit compliance. Explore the biology, engineering, and math behind WAS and RAS rates and how proper wasting and return rates help operators control the microbial population, respond to process upsets, and improve plant performance. Attendees will also learn how optimizing solids management can reduce disposal, chemical, and operational costs while improving system reliability.

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● Water Track

Indiana PFAS Primer

Jessica Klopfenstein - VS Engineering

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

PFAS continues to present regulatory and operational challenges for drinking water systems. Learn about PFAS health concerns, EPA drinking water regulations, compliance timelines, sampling requirements, and funding opportunities, along with Indiana's approach to PFAS monitoring and lessons learned from Michigan. Treatment options, including GAC, ion exchange, nanofiltration, and reverse osmosis, will also be explored to help utilities prepare for future compliance requirements.

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Roundtable Conversations with AIRW: Insight, Input & Industry Collaboration

AIRW Staff

Jefferson BC | Admin, Wastewater & Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Connect with fellow utility professionals for interactive roundtable discussions led by subject matter experts and industry partners. Ask questions, share experiences, and exchange ideas on topics including Apprenticeship & Workforce Development, State Partners (IFA), House Enrolled Act 1459, Treasury Management & Financial Strategies for Utilities, Data Centers, Social Media & Communications, and Ask a Circuit Rider. Choose the topics that matter most to you and join the conversation!

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Conference Kickoff Party

Sponsored By Carson Law

Across from the Grand Wayne Convention Center

Join us in the Carson Law Gathering Space for some conference fun with networking, drinks & hors d'oeuvres!



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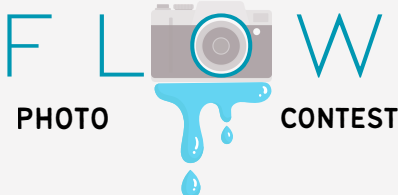
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BEHIND THE



**See Indiana's water industry
through a different lens!**

Visit the Exhibit Hall to check out the top three photos in each category and vote for your favorites!

Categories

💧 Rural Indiana Water

💧 Water Infrastructure

💧 Workers in Action



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Visit the Exhibit Hall to connect with industry vendors, discover new products and services, and find solutions for your utility!



Administrative Track



Wastewater Track



Water Track

8:00am - 5:30pm

Badge Pick-Up / On-Site Registration

(closed 12:30pm-1:30pm)

8:00am - 5:30pm

Exhibit Hall Open

8:00am - 9:30am

Continental Breakfast

Exhibit Hall

Kick off Fall Conference 2026 with a warm welcome from Alliance Executive Director Kristin Bean and enjoy a light breakfast before the day gets underway!

8:50am - 9:40am

What Every Board Member Needs to Know About Open Door Laws, Public Notices, and Livestreaming

Christopher Nusbaum - Carson Law

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Recent changes to Indiana's public notice, publication, and Open Door Law requirements have created new considerations for utility governing boards. Learn about the latest legislative updates, including provisions that took effect July 1, and what they mean for public notices, comment periods, hearings, livestreaming requirements, and conducting compliant board meetings.

Wastewater Process Evaluation

Pat Beamon - Wastewater Process, LLC

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Explore practical methods for optimizing the activated sludge process, including MLSS concentrations, wasting rates, return activated sludge (RAS) flow rates, and common settleability issues. Attendees will learn how these key operating parameters affect treatment performance and how to monitor and adjust process conditions for efficient plant operation.

Session to be Announced

Harrison DE | Water

Please check the conference app or classroom signage for updated session information.

9:00am - 11:00am

Tour of Fort Wayne Filtration Plant

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Sign up at the Info Desk. Transportation provided. Space is limited.

9:15am - 11:15am

Tour of Camp Scott Wetlands

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9:40am - 10:10 am

Exhibit Hall Break

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10:10am - 11:00am

Analyzing Utility Billing Reports Using AI

Gary Sanders – Utility Information Pipeline LLC

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Discover how AI can simplify utility billing analysis by identifying usage variances, comparing data, and uncovering trends that may be difficult to spot using traditional spreadsheets. A live demonstration will show how utility billing reports can be uploaded and analyzed using AI, with practical guidance designed for users with little or no prior AI experience.

Seeing Underground: Integrating CCTV Sewer Inspection with GIS to Build Risk-Based Capital Improvement Programs

Jeff Weaver – Abonmarche

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Learn how integrating CCTV inspection data with GIS can help utilities better understand the condition and risk of aging sewer and stormwater infrastructure. By combining NASSCO coded defects with asset information, utilities can prioritize rehabilitation and replacement projects, strengthen capital improvement planning, and move from reactive maintenance toward proactive asset management.

Are You Ready for 2027? Drinking Water Compliance Edition

Stacy Jones – IDEM

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Prepare for major drinking water regulatory deadlines taking effect in 2027. Get an overview of key requirements for PFAS monitoring, updated Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR), and the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), including service line inventories, replacement plans, connector requirements, and school and child care facility testing. Key November 1, 2027 deadlines and future compliance considerations will also be covered.

11:30am - 12:20pm

Managing the Data Center Moment: How to Properly Communicate During Controversies

Mike McGill – WaterPIO

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

As data center development expands, water and wastewater utilities are facing new questions about water supply, treatment capacity, environmental impacts, and community concerns. Explore key considerations when evaluating data center proposals and strategies for communicating with customers, elected officials, and the media. Real-world lessons will highlight approaches for addressing concerns, responding to misinformation, and maintaining public trust.

Polymer Selection and Testing for Sludge Dewatering

Rob Heller – Harcros Chemicals

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Explore the fundamentals of flocculant polymer selection for wastewater sludge dewatering and the factors that influence treatment performance. Classroom instruction and a hands-on jar testing demonstration will cover testing methods, evaluation techniques, and practical considerations for selecting the right polymer.

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Water Track

Tanks 101: Water Storage Tank Condition Assessment & Maintenance Options

Randy Moore - Viking Industrial Painting

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Protect your utility's water storage tanks through effective inspection and preventive maintenance. Learn the five critical areas of tank assessment, including safety, structural integrity, sanitary conditions, security, and coatings, along with rehabilitation and maintenance strategies that can extend service life, protect water quality, and support long-term asset management.

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Best Tasting Water in Indiana Luncheon

Exhibit Hall



Join us for lunch and the final Water Taste Test to discover who has the Best Tasting Water in Indiana! Four regional winners will compete for the title and an all-inclusive trip to Washington, DC, to represent Indiana in the National Great American Water Taste Test.

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Tour of Fort Wayne Filtration Plant

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Sign up at the Info Desk. Transportation provided. Space is limited.

2:10pm - 3:00pm

Traffic Control for Water or Sewer Projects

Robyn Matthews, P.E. - Commonwealth Engineers

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Learn how to select appropriate traffic control measures for work occurring within or near roadways. Topics include detours, clear zones, pavement width, protective barriers, traffic volume and speed, work zone duration, intersections, and INDOT permitting requirements. A decision-making flow chart will help attendees evaluate project conditions and determine appropriate traffic control strategies.

How To Complete Your Cybersecurity Self-Assessment

Conor Boyer - Boyer Technologies

Harrison BC & DE | Wastewater & Water

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Cybersecurity preparedness begins with understanding your utility's current strengths and vulnerabilities. This presentation will cover the cybersecurity self-assessment required by law, identifying areas for improvement, and practical steps for strengthening cybersecurity and building long-term resilience against cyber threats.

3:00pm

Cookie Break

Exhibit Hall - Indiana Pump Works Booth



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3:15pm - 4:05pm

Apprenticeship Works for Water

Kelly Strain - Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Registered Apprenticeship programs offer utilities a practical approach to addressing workforce shortages, retirements, and the growing need for skilled employees. Explore how these programs combine on-the-job training with classroom instruction, along with program requirements, employer responsibilities, and available resources. Attendees will also discover how apprenticeship can improve recruitment, retention, knowledge transfer, and long-term workforce sustainability.

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Lessons from the Field: Operations, Maintenance & Compliance Insights from Indiana Utilities

Pete Crowl & Chad Reynolds - Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

Harrison BC & DE | Wastewater & Water

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Drawing on firsthand experience providing onsite technical assistance across Indiana, this presentation highlights common challenges faced by water and wastewater utilities and the practical solutions used to address them. Real-world examples will cover operations, preventive maintenance, regulatory compliance, and troubleshooting, with best practices utilities can apply to improve reliability and day-to-day operations.

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Football Tailgate Party: Exhibitors' Reception

Exhibit Hall

It's game time in the Exhibit Hall! Huddle up with our vendors and enjoy a tailgate packed with an inflatable football toss, cornhole, a 360 photo booth, food, drinks, and plenty of networking. Keep the competition going in the conference app by completing gamification challenges, earning points, and climbing the leaderboard for your chance to win prizes. Wear your favorite team's jersey or colors and come ready for some game day fun!

Be sure to get your caricature drawn, thanks to: **WESSLER**
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Special thanks to our Bar Host: **ORTMAN**
DRILLING & WATER SERVICES

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Hospitality Event at Hilton Atrium

Join us for a nightcap in the Hilton Hotel lobby.

Thank You, Hospitality Event Sponsors!



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Support WaterPAC and get your raffle tickets for a chance to win!



Administrative Track



Wastewater Track



Water Track

8:00am - 12:00pm

Badge Pick-Up / On-Site Registration

8:00am - 12:15pm

Exhibit Hall Open

8:00am - 9:00am

Annual Membership Meeting & Hot Breakfast Buffet
Exhibit Hall

Join us in the Exhibit Hall for the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting and a hot breakfast buffet. Eligible Utility Members will vote on a proposed amendment to the AIRW Bylaws and elect three At-Large Directors to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2027. The 2025 financials will be presented to the membership.

Utility Members must designate an authorized voting representative by Wednesday, October 14 at 1:30pm. See the Info Desk for information and access to the online Certification of Delegates Form.

**This is the time to deposit your ticket for the Beats Headphones!*

9:00am - 11:00am

Tour of Fort Wayne Water Pollution Control Plant

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Sign up at the Info Desk. Transportation provided. Space is limited.

9:10am - 10:00am

HEA 1459: Asset Management Plan Requirements - Updates and Next Steps from IURC and AIRW

Adam Hershberger - Alliance of Indiana Rural Water & Marcus Turner - Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Get the latest updates from IURC and AIRW on Asset Management Program requirements under HEA 1459. Topics will include a recap of the preliminary questionnaire, board training requirements, and what utilities can expect as the program moves forward.

IDEM Wastewater Updates

Kim Rohr & Becky Ruark - IDEM

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Hear directly from IDEM staff about the latest wastewater regulatory and program updates affecting Indiana utilities. Topics will include recent policy and permitting developments, compliance reminders, emerging issues, and practical guidance for navigating current regulatory requirements.

Wells & Filters: What to Look for Before Problems Start

Tim Hill - Peerless Midwest, Inc.

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Spot the warning signs before they become costly repairs or unexpected downtime. This session will cover what to watch for with wells, pumps, and filtration systems, including signs of needed well cleaning, potential pump failure, and declining filter performance. Attendees will leave with practical tips for extending equipment life and keeping systems running efficiently.

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Water Track

10:00am - 10:30am

Exhibit Hall Break & Snack Break

Exhibit Hall

American Pump Repair & Service Booth



10:30am - 11:20am

OCRA - Water Grants Overview

Lindsey Hammond - Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs

Harrison A | Admin

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Explore funding opportunities available through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), including Community Development Block Grants for wastewater, drinking water, and sewer infrastructure projects. Attendees will learn how these resources can support infrastructure improvements and help rural communities build long-term growth and resilience.

Industrial Pretreatment Inspections: What to Ask and What to Look For

Jim Collins - Brenntag Mid-South, Inc.

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Prepare for effective industrial pretreatment inspections with practical guidance on records and documentation, facility walkthroughs, process inspections, and common compliance issues. Attendees will also learn inspection best practices, key questions to ask, how to identify potential concerns, and proper post-inspection follow-up and corrective actions.

Iron & Manganese Treatment

Kristine Harvey - Water Solutions Unlimited

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Iron and manganese can create persistent water quality challenges, but choosing the right treatment approach makes a difference. Explore when sequestration is appropriate versus removal, along with treatment technologies, chemical applications, and testing methods that can improve performance, troubleshoot problems, and optimize system operations.

11:30am

Photo Contest Winners Announced, WaterPAC Raffle Drawing

Exhibit Hall

12:00pm - 1:15pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Tour of Fort Wayne Water Pollution Control Plant

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12:15pm - 2:15pm

Exhibitor Teardown

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1:20pm - 2:10pm

GIS at the State of Indiana: Updates and Enhancements

Daniel Council - Indiana Geographic Information Office

Harrison A | Admin

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Discover the latest GIS resources available through the Indiana Geographic Information Office, including updates to IndianaMap, statewide imagery, elevation data, and Community Maps. Attendees will learn how to access and integrate authoritative statewide datasets into platforms such as ArcGIS and QGIS to support mapping, planning, spatial analysis, and decision making.

Stirred, Not Shaken: All About Anaerobic Digesters and Biogas Safety

Amy Mendoza & Sarah Deutsch - Commonwealth Engineers

Harrison BC | Wastewater

1 Technical Water | 1 Technical Wastewater

Explore the fundamentals of anaerobic digestion and its role in wastewater and organic waste management. Topics will include digester operation, energy recovery, solids reduction, Class A and Class B biosolids requirements, and key operating factors such as loading rates, temperature, and mixing. Important biogas safety considerations, including gas detection and explosion prevention, will also be covered.

When Your Best Well Turns Surface Water: A GWUDI Case Study from Huntington, Indiana

Philip Morton & Umar Faruq - Lochmueller Group

Harrison DE | Water

1 Technical Water | 1 General Wastewater

Using the City of Huntington's South Water Treatment Plant as a case study, explore how one Indiana utility responded after two production wells received GWUDI designations. Topics will include new wells and treatment facilities, filtration, on-site hypochlorite generation, clearwell design, disinfection requirements, and strategies for managing disinfection byproducts while meeting regulatory requirements.

2:10pm

Gamification Winners Announced & Shotgun Raffle!

Must be present to win!

2026 AIRW Diamond Members



Thank you for your tremendous support!

EXHIBITORS

Abonmarche Consultants, Inc.	Indiana Pump Works, LLC
Advanced Rehabilitation Technology	InfoSense
American Flow Control	IWEA
American Pump Repair & Service, Inc.	Jim Jolly Sales, Inc.
Barnes & Thornburg, LLP	Joe Johnson Equipment
Blue River Technologies	Jones & Henry Engineers
CHA Consulting, Inc.	Jones Petrie Rafinski
Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Infrastructure	KML
CI Telecom Group, LLC	Layne Christensen
Commonwealth Engineers, Inc.	Lewis Municipal Sales
Core & Main	Living Waters Co., Inc.
Covalen	Lochmueller Group
Crystal Clear Leak Detection, LLC	M.E. Simpson Co., Inc.
Culy Contracting LLC	Maguire
DFW Plastics, Inc	Metron
Dixon Engineering	Metropolitan Industries Inc.
DLZ Indiana - Fort Wayne	Mid Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc.
Donohue & Associates	Midwest Meter, Inc.
Drainage Solutions, Inc.	National Water Services, LLC
Duke's Root Control	Oase Professional
Element Materials Technology	Ortman Drilling & Water Services
Evapar	Pace Analytical LLC
Faco LLC	Peerless-Midwest, Inc.
Ferguson Waterworks	Pelton Environmental Products
FirstGen Water Treatment & Design	R & R Visual
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Flow-Technics, Inc.	Seiler Geospatial
Fluoramics, Inc.	Sherwin Williams
Ford Meter Box Company, Inc.	Straeffer Pump & Supply Co.
Frontier Geospatial, LLC	The Henry P Thompson Company
Frontline Technical Sales Group	Tnemec Company, Inc.
Gasvoda & Associates, Inc.	Underground Solutions-Corrpro
Gripp, Inc.	United Consulting
Hach Company	United Systems & Software, Inc.
Hawkins Water Treatment Group	USABlueBook
HML, Inc.	USG Water Solutions
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IDEM - Wastewater	Water Solutions Unlimited
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2026 Alliance Scholarship Program Recipients



Hayden Farrar
Town of Poseyville

Daughter of Jeremy Farrar

\$2,000 Recipient



Paige Brindle
Town of Huntertown

Daughter of Gabriel Brindle

\$2,000 Recipient



Bailey Clark
Plainfield Utilities

Daughter of Gabel Turner

\$2,000 Recipient



Abigail Shreve
Ellis Water Company

Daughter of Andrew and
Kerri Shreve

\$2,000 Recipient



Coen Brace
Ramsey Water
Company

Son of Mark Brace

\$2,000 Recipient

Congratulations to Our 2026 Scholarship Recipients!

Each year, the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water supports outstanding students from AIRW member utility families through our Scholarship Program. Funds raised through the annual Scholarship Clay Shoot and Golf Outing help make these awards possible.

AIRW will award five scholarships to students pursuing post-secondary education.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, a resident of Indiana, and the dependent child of an employee of an AIRW voting member utility. Scholarships are open to high school seniors and recent graduates (within the past year) entering their first year of post-secondary education.

Scholarship awards are presented each year during the AIRW Spring Conference in French Lick.

Apply today for a 2027 AIRW Scholarship!

Applications must be submitted by January 29, 2027.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2027

JAN. 20-21

**INDIANA RURAL WATER DAY
UTILITY LEADERSHIP & LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**
Indiana Statehouse & Biltwell Event Center - Indianapolis

MARCH 16-18

SPRING CONFERENCE
French Lick Resort - French Lick, IN

MAY 13 & 20

OPERATOR EXPOS
May 13 - Huntingburg City Park - Huntingburg, IN
May 20 - Riverside Park - Logansport, IN

OCT. 19-21

FALL CONFERENCE
Grand Wayne Convention Center - Fort Wayne, IN

NOV. 9

APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION
The Sycamore at Mallow Run - Bargersville, IN

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CONVENTION CENTER MAP



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BADGE PICK-UP

Already Registered
Lines by Last Name: A-K & L-Z



ON-SITE REGISTRATION

NEW Conference Registrations
Name Badge CHANGES



INFO DESK

Activity Sign-Ups
Profile Updates
Turn in CEU Forms
General Assistance

Look for AIRW staff throughout the event!

CEU FORMS

Water & Wastewater CEU forms are available in each classroom. Forms must be signed & turned in at the Info Desk.

Scan **IN AND OUT** of every session

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Scanning is required to receive **CEUs**

GET IN ON THE ACTION INSIDE THE EXHIBIT HALL



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WATERPAC RAFFLE

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GAMIFICATION CHALLENGE

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