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Water Seminar 2025: Clean Water, Compliant Operations

September 9, 2025 | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL

Welcome and Opening Remarks **8:00 - 8:05am**

Kelly Thompson, Executive Director
Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group

Bureau of Water Introduction and Funding **8:05 - 8:30am**

A Bureau of Water overview that includes discussion on various funding topics, including available grants, loan programs, and strategies for securing financial support.

Joey Logan-Pugh, Chief of the Bureau of Water
Nidhan Singh, Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Assistance Section Bureau of Water
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Drinking Water Program Updates **8:30 - 9:15am**

A drinking water program overview that includes regulatory updates and operator certification.

Matthew Maas, Division Manager of Public Water Supplies
Tatum DeMay, Compliance Assurance Section Manager
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Division of Water Pollution Control Permit Section Updates **9:15 - 10:00am**

A wastewater overview that includes discussion of current regulations, processes, and a summary of recent activities

Darin LeCrone, Manager, Water Pollution Control Permits Section
Keegan MacDonna, Environmental Protection Engineer, Division of Water Pollution Control
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Break 10:00 - 10:15am

Water Regulatory Developments: IPCB's Role Amid Evolving Federal and State Priorities" **10:15 - 11:00am**

This presentation will cover the structure of the Illinois Pollution Control Board and its staff; how the Board is navigating the fast-changing federal environmental landscape; recent changes related to PFAS; and other regulatory updates of note.

Michael Mankowski, Board Member
Illinois Pollution Control Board

Water Enforcement and Compliance **11:00 - 11:45am**

This presentation will provide an overview of the Illinois EPA enforcement process, examine current and historical enforcement statistics associated with Bureau of Water matters, and dive into updates on current water-related compliance and enforcement topics.

Michael Roubitchek, Deputy General Counsel
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Lunch 11:45am - 1:00pm

Environmental GPS: Where We're Going and How We're Getting There 12:00pm - 12:30pm

The presentation will cover the Agency's immediate program priorities and the operational changes being made to accomplish them.

James Jennings, Acting Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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The Regulation and Challenges of Microplastics and Other Emerging Contaminants **1:00 - 2:15pm**

This segment examines the federal and state regulation of microplastics and other emerging contaminants, examines the challenges they present, offers strategies for navigating this ever-changing field, and discusses the potential solutions for the regulated community and environment.

Moderator/Presenter: **Michael Murphy**, Partner, *HeplerBroom*
Presenter: **Rachel Zajac-Fay**, Senior Scientist, *Geosyntec*

Break **2:15 - 2:30pm**

Emerging Technologies + Strategies for Water Quality Panel Discussion **2:30 - 3:55pm**

This session will cover an overview of evolving federal and state PFAS regulations, legal liability and environmental due diligence through case studies, and emerging technologies for PFAS detection and remediation—including a look at the PFASigator tool. The panel will feature presentations followed by a moderated Q&A, offering insights into both regulatory and technical strategies for managing PFAS impacts on water quality.

Moderator: **Melissa Brown**, Partner, *HeplerBroom*
Fredric Andes, Partner, *Barnes & Thornburg*
Mike Ursin, Senior Project Manager and Area Leader, *TRC*
Sarah Meyer, COO, *Enspired Solutions*

Closing Remarks **3:55 - 4:00pm**

Kelly Thompson, Executive Director
Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group

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