

LAND & WATER SEMINAR 2026

SEMINAR AGENDA



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Land & Water Compliance in Practice: From Regulatory Foundations to Permitting & Enforcement

OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2026

DAY 1

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | NORTHFIELD INN & SUITES, SPRINGFIELD, IL |

MORNING
SESSION

- Welcome
- BOL Priorities and Regulatory Outlook
- TACO Updates
- Illinois SRP & Brownfields
- TACO 2.0: Some Thought About the Future of TACO and the SRP
- Trends in Compliance

- Kelly Thompson, Executive Director, IERG
- Kyle Rominger, BOL Chief, Illinois EPA
- Jeron Schultz, Remedial Project Management Section, Illinois EPA
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- Jacob Fink, Brownfield Program, Illinois EPA
- David Rieser, Of Counsel, K&L Gates
- Nolin Moon, Field Operations Section, Illinois EPA

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AFTERNOON
SESSION

- RCRA & Generator Improvements Rule, Implementation in Illinois
- Why Digital Tools Lose Their Value: Myths, Facts, and Fit
- Outfall and About with NPDES Renewals
- A Jupiter-Sized Problem: Microplastics in the Subsurface-What We Know and Don't Know
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Waste Streams Management Panel Discussion
- Day 1 Closing Remarks

- Nolin Moon, Field Operations Section, Illinois EPA
- Vishnu Srinivasaraghavan, Materials Management and Compliance, Illinois EPA
- Cyndale Post, Directing Consultant, ALL4
- Jess Black, Managing Consultant- Digital Solutions, ALL4
- Marc Killingstad, P.E. Director of the Hydrogeology Community of Practice, Arcadis
- J. Michael Showalter, Partner, ArentFox Schiff
- Panelists:
 - John Hock, Vice President, CEC Inc. TBD, GFL
 - J. Michael Showalter, Partner, ArentFox Schiff
- Kelly Thompson, Executive Director, IERG

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DAY 2 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM | NORTHFIELD INN & SUITES, SPRINGFIELD, IL |

MORNING SESSION

Welcome

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BOW Priorities and Regulatory
Outlook

Darin LeCrone, Division of Water Pollution
Control Manager, Illinois EPA

CWA 401 Nationwide Certification

Darren Gove, Division of Water Pollution
Control, Illinois EPA

Integrated Water Report 303(d) List
Section & 305(b) Section

John Watson, Water Quality Standards and
Watershed Management Section, Illinois
EPA

Justin Irlam, Surface Water Section, Illinois
EPA

NPDES, Stormwater, and Water
Permitting Updates

Keegan MacDonna, P.E. Environmental
Protection Engineer, Industrial Unit, Permit
Section, Illinois EPA

Water Compliance Process, Reporting, &
Follow Up

Caleb Ruyle, Compliance Assurance Section
Manager, Illinois EPA

Emergency Response & Planning

Tony Falconio, Emergency Response
Manager, Illinois EPA

Closing Remarks

Kelly Thompson, Executive Director, IERG

Seminar Concludes

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