



FROM SCIENCE TO POLICY: UNDERSTANDING PFAS AND BIOSOLIDS

Thursday, October 9th, 2025
8:30 A.M - 1:30 P.M.
MWCOC Office

AGENDA

8:30 A.M. WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M. 1. OPENING REMARKS

Aklile Tesfaye, Deputy General Manager of Operations, WSSC Water

Mr. Tesfaye's remarks will set the tone for the event, and touch on public health, affordability/sustainability, investments, water utilities' work to date, and the need to work closely with policy makers.

Note: the moderator will announce that attendees contact information for the utilities will be shared with attendees.

9:15 A.M. 2. THE PFAS CHALLENGE

Dr. Rosa Gwinn, Global PFAS Initiative Technical Leader, ENV, AECOM

Dr. Gwinn will cover the high-level concerns around PFAS and why biosolids are a significant area of interest including the effects of PFAS related legislation and advances in understanding PFAS.

9:45 A.M. 3. PANEL: DISCUSSION OF THE REGIONAL OPERATIONAL LANDSCAPE

Moderator: Mary Baker, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Biosolids Association (MABA)

Allison Deines, Chief Water Quality Officer, AlexRenew

Dr. Malcolm Taylor, PE, Principal Environmental Engineer, WSSC Water

Mark Schweitzer, Director, Frederick County Division of Water and Sewer Utilities

James Foutouhi, Program Manager – Resource Recovery, DC Water

Following an introduction of the regional utilities participating in the panel, panelists will discuss topics such as current technology and treatment, summary of investments made already, studies and costs of land application or alternatives, common sense approaches to biosolids regulation, summary of leading-edge research in progress (addressing PFAS at the source), commonalities and uniqueness in operations, successes reducing PFAS, and challenges.

The panel will be followed by 25 minutes of Q&A.

11:00 A.M. 4. PANEL: REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS STORIES

Moderator: Chris Pomeroy, Esq, President, AquaLaw

Emily Remmel, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs, NACWA

Zachary Schafer, Assistant Secretary, MDE

Ted Mondloch, Vice President, Current Strategies

*Neil Zahradka, Manager, Office of Land Application Programs (Water Division),
VA DEQ*

This panel will speak to positive outcomes from PFAS/Biosolids related work including what is protective of public health and implementable for utilities.

The panel will be followed by 25 minutes of Q&A.

12:15 P.M. 5. CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Rosa Gwinn, Global PFAS Initiative Technical Leader, ENV, AECOM

Dr. Gwinn will provide closing remarks, including reminding attendees that utility contact information will be shared.

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

Facilitated by Monica Marquina and Lisa Ragain

Utility leaders will sit at assigned tables

1:30 P.M. ADJOURN