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**AEA 2021 Annual Meeting and Conference**

November 16 - 17  
Caesars, Atlantic City

**Agenda**

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**Tuesday, November 16**

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Networking Reception – Palladium A

**Wednesday, November 17**

7:30 a.m.  
Breakfast – Palladium B

8:30 a.m.  
Annual Business Meeting & Election of Slate - Palladium C

9:00 a.m.  
**Keeping the Bad Guys Out and What to Do if They Get In!**  
Lou Melograna, StarNet

The systems you run are critical to both our national security and our well-being. Unfortunately, bad guys are out there. The speaker will discuss how these bad actors get into your system using technical tools and social engineering, and how to prevent it. You will learn about blocking, discovering, recovering from, and remediating security breaches and lost data, as well as tips and tricks to secure your data, and how to protect your users and systems from Ransomware so it doesn't get breached in the first place.

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9:45 a.m.  
**Success Story: How the Town of Clinton Created its Asset Management Plan**

Irene Battaglia, VanCleeef Engineering  
Having small staffs and fewer resources than their large counterparts can present small- and medium-sized water/wastewater utilities with unique challenges when it comes to asset management planning (AMP). Yet there are many good reasons to use an AMP: it can guide financial investment, improve operations, and most important of all — improve service to customers. This presentation will show

examples of project designs and how the Town of Clinton successfully developed and has begun to implement its AMP.

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10:30 a.m.

**50 Years of Safety in Environmental Authorities**

Janette Kessler, Atlantic County UA

Karen Oliver, South Monmouth RSA

Michael Janusz, Jackson MUA

This presentation will look at the past 50 years by decade and see how instrumental both AEA and OSHA have contributed greatly to and helped to transform the environmental authorities in and around New Jersey. While a lot has changed over 50 years, the mission of both organizations has not. Each continue to work hard to address the challenges of our industry, ultimately, both with the goal of improving public health and safety.

11:15 a.m.

**National and Statewide Update on Privatization**

Donald Cohen and Shar Habibi, In the Public Interest

Peggy Gallos, AEA

This panel will provide attendees with a status update on privatization.

Two panelists from a national think tank will discuss their study of water privatization on the national level and parallel trends in the electricity sector that provide useful lessons. AEA will tell the stories of recent privatization efforts in New Jersey. Understanding this landscape will help attendees who work in publicly owned systems defend and promote the public model of utility service.

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12:00 p.m. Lunch - Palladium B

**EPDA Certificate Presentation**

1:30 p.m.

**What You Should Know: The New Jersey Design-Build Construction Services Procurement Act**

Rick Sapir, Hawkins, Delafield and Wood

Megan Sartor, Hawkins, Delafield and Wood

On April 30, 2021, the State of New Jersey enacted the "Design-Build Construction Services Procurement Act". The Act establishes procedures for awarding Design-Build contracts and contains provisions specific to several types of governmental units. The speakers will focus this presentation on local governments such as municipal utilities authorities which are subject to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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**NJPDES Permits: PFAS, Nitrate, and Other Hot Issues**

James Cosgrove, Kleinfelder

The speaker will provide an update on hot issues facing NJPDES permit holders. The presentation will focus on NJDEP's status on regulating PFAS in surface water and how such regulation could impact Discharge to Surface Water (DSW) permits. In addition, an update will be provided on the nitrate surface water quality standard and progress with NJDEP on establishing revised standards that will further protect drinking water intakes yet avoid unnecessary and extremely expensive treatment plant upgrades. For those that require future PFAS or nitrate limits, treatment technologies will be presented that could achieve compliance with NJPDES permits, as well as a discussion about wastewater treatment

processes that would be required to treat PFAS and nitrate.

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**AEA Fellow Presentation**

Nicola White, Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corps Fellow

Nicola will showcase an energy profile developed this summer working with AEA as an EDF Climate Corps Fellow. A database of members' status, needs and interests regarding energy efficiency and climate resiliency was created. The speaker will recommend how to make further progress on these important goals, that run-in tandem with the 2019 Energy Master Plan.

3:15 p.m.

**NJ Clean Energy Efficiency Programs**

Ray Perry, NJ Natural Gas

The speaker will discuss the recent transition of many of the commercial energy efficiency programs from NJ Clean Energy to the investor-owned utility companies. He will cover the core programs which are designed to provide consistency across the state focusing on the differences and similarities to the State run programs they are designed to replace. This presentation will be generic and be consistent across all utility service territories. He will also cover the utility run programs. These programs will also be offered across the state but may differ in their substance and delivery method from utility to utility.

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3:45 p.m.

**The Next 50 Years**

Bernie Bujak, South Monmouth RSA

Christine Ballard, CDM Smith

Brian Brach, Manasquan River RSA

Brian Valentino, Western Monmouth UA

The speakers will discuss how the implementation of the strategic plan will take AEA into the next 50 years.

4:15 p.m.

**Door Prizes**