



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

**Monday, August 19, 2019**

### **Busy Summer of Advocacy, Education for AEA**

AEA has been working steadily to represent members in a number of forums recently. Peggy Gallos, Rick Dovey and Dennis Palmer were among the AEA folks who attended the Jersey Water Works membership meeting in Camden last month. Peggy is a member of the JWW steering committee.

AEA representatives met with Dan Kennedy and Zoe Baldwin of the Utility & Transportation Contractors Association about interests of mutual concern, and AEA has also worked with the NJ Builders on legislative matters lately.

Pam Carolan of Mount Laurel Township MUA and Peggy attended a NJ Board of Public Utilities stakeholder meeting in July to hear more about a Wastewater System Improvement Charge, which NJBPU is considering for investor-owned utilities.

#### **AEA Events Forthcoming**

As you'll see elsewhere in this E-News, AEA has begun to promote the fall conference, whose theme is "the Next Decade."

AEA will also sponsor a session at the NJWEA fall conference on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Peggy attended a special joint hearing of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste committees held August 15 in Toms River that focused on recycling. A number of AEA member authorities were represented. The legislators listened as speakers testified about the rising costs of recycling. Many maintained that state efforts on recycling should be coupled with bans on plastic bags and other measures to reduce waste. The water committee reviewed draft recommendations of the Jersey Water Works lead task force. The recommendations are due out in September.

#### **Committees Taking Action**

The IT Committee has announced a workshop on cyber security in September. See the AEA events calendar and website for information.

The new AEA safety committee met in Jackson earlier this month and made plans for future activity, including a two-day safety seminar in 2020.

The Environmental Professional Development Academy will begin its fourth track, human resources, in September in East Windsor, and we have already begun to plan our 2020 program.

The AEA stormwater utilities working group is working on ways to help authorities that may become involved in stormwater utilities, and the wastewater asset management

sub-committee of the NJPDES Committee has prepared recommendations for the DEP. The NJPDES Committee has been deeply involved in commenting on the DEP Category One proposal. The work has focused on fully assessing the extent of treatment plants and properties affected.

### **Awards Season Is Here**

Thank you to Charlie Norkis, retired executive director of Cape May County MUA, for agreeing to represent AEA on the jury for the One Water Award program. The awards are a joint effort of Jersey Water Works, NJWEA, AWWA-NJ, and AEA.

Speaking of awards: it is not too early to consider possible people, organizations and projects to nominate for the AEA Wave Awards. We'll be distributing nominations materials before the fall conference.

### **Sewer Privatization**

Finally, about S3870/A5391 Sewer Privatization

Thank you to many boards and individuals who have been working to bring attention to a sewer privatization bill that AEA is opposing. The bill undermines public ownership and operation of wastewater systems, pads the profits for investor-owned utilities purchasing sewer systems and eliminates the public's opportunity to vote on sales of systems. For more information, contact Peggy.

## **"Protect Your Network" AEA IT Committee Cybersecurity Event**

**September 17, 2019 at the Brick Township MUA**

This event seeks to equip attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to understand cybersecurity resiliency, security for your network, surviving / preventing attacks and more.

- \* Gain an understanding of cybersecurity resiliency
- \* How to prepare for a cyber incident
- \* How to recover from a cyber attack
- \* Case study experiences of real-life cyber incidents
- \* Learn about Next-Gen Cyber-Network Technology

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## **Join Us at the 2019 AEA Annual Conference, Nov. 19 - 20 in Atlantic City**

See the [AEA website](#) for the announcement seeking proposals for presentations for the 2019 AEA Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, Nov. 19 - 20 at Bally's in Atlantic City. The

theme of the conference is "The Next Decade."

Speakers already confirmed include Melanie Walter, Director of the Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services and Dan Kennedy, Director, Environmental & Utility Operations for the Utility & Transportation Contractors Association and former assistant commissioner at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

[Conference Schedule](#)

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[Bally's Reservation](#) (Cut-off date is Nov. 1)



## **Early Bird Sponsorship for AEA Fall Conference**

AEA is offering sponsors an "early bird" option this year: Commit to a sponsorship of greater than \$500 in value by Aug. 30 and get a 15 percent discount. We will be circulating information about this soon - but if you want to find out more now, just call 609-584-1877.

[Early Bird Sponsorship](#)

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## **EPDA Track 4 (Human Resources) Starts Sept. 11**

Track 4 of AEA's Environmental Professional Development Academy, Human Resources, begins on Sept. 11. It will be coordinated by Apryl Roach of Franklin Township SA and held at East Windsor MUA.

[HR Track Topics](#)

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Please contact Karen Burriss for more information at 609-584-1877.

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