



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

**Wednesday, August 22, 2018**

### Registration for EPDA Track #3: Human Resources is now open

The next track of our Environmental Professional Development Academy (EPDA) begins Sept. 19 at the Jackson MUA in Jackson. The focus of this track will be on Human Resources.

This series will cover public employment law, labor negotiations, ethics, training & development, and more.

Interested parties can register online at [this link](#), learn more [here](#), and can request further information at (609) 584-1877 or by writing [info@aeanj.org](mailto:info@aeanj.org).

### Commissioners (and Exec Directors) Invited to Supper

AEA is again planning supper events for commissioners. Commissioners are invited to engage, network, share and learn. Bring your executive directors along. The event is free for commissioners of AEA member authorities.



Choose one: **Wednesday, Oct. 10**, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Hanover Sewerage Authority, 40 Troy Road, Whippany or **Thursday, Oct. 18**, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Atlantic County Utilities Authority, 6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

This is an informal event starting with a panel discussion, followed by supper and open discussion among attendees. These suppers are great for veteran commissioners as well as recent appointees.

Commissioners meet and share insights and challenges. Registration is open. Materials will be sent to authorities and posted on the AEA website: [www.aeanj.org](http://www.aeanj.org). Call 609-584-1877 for more information. Registration is required. Registration forms are available on our website and at [THIS LINK](#).

# DEP Commissioner McCabe Announces Three New Appointments

The AEA would like to pass on the following information issued by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

DEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe recently announced three new appointments to the Department.



First, Jane Rosenblatt has joined the Commissioner's Office staff as the Deputy Chief of Staff. Jane spent seven months as a cabinet liaison in the Governor's Office of Cabinet Affairs and Operations, where she facilitated coordination between the Office of Governor and the DEP, Department of Transportation, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the Board of Public Utilities.

Jane has staffed Jersey Water Works (JWW) tables at two AEA spring conferences, and she has worked with several AEA members who actively participate in JWW. Among those are Peggy Gallos, executive director, who is on the JWW steering committee.

Before joining the Office of Governor, Jane was a program manager and coordinator at New Jersey Future from 2014 to January 2018 and a project specialist at Sustainable Jersey from 2013 to 2014.

In addition, the DEP will be creating a new position of Associate Commissioner for Policy on the Commissioner's staff. Kati Angarone will serve in that role on an acting basis.

Kati joined the DEP in 1997 as an environmental specialist interpreting and implementing land use regulations. Most recently, Kati had been overseeing emergency response, as well as rule and policy development in the Director's Office in the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience.

Finally, Rohini C. Gandhi has returned to the DEP as the new Director of the Office of Diversity, Equal Opportunity and Public Contract Assistance.

Since joining the Attorney General's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity in 2014, Rohini has supervised investigations into complaints of employment discrimination, analyzed employment complaints and trained Office of Attorney General employees on employment discrimination laws and policies.

## Enter to be recognized in the One Water Awards

The One Water Awards were developed to honor initiatives that exemplify the principles of the One Water approach: sustainable, integrated, and inclusive water resource management practices.

The awards are sponsored by a new partnership of statewide water-focused organizations:

- American Water Works Association New Jersey section (AWWA-NJ)
- Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA)



- Jersey Water Works (JWW)
- New Jersey American Water Resources Association (NJ-AWRA)
- New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA)

Together these five organizations will honor projects and programs that reflect collaboration, innovation, and public education, and advance long-term sustainability by meeting multiple needs and generating multiple benefits.

Awards are given in three categories:

- Public: Open to local, regional and state-level public entities in New Jersey including municipalities, counties, state agencies and utilities.
- Private: Open to investor-owned water utilities and other private-sector firms and institutions.
- Nonprofit/ academic: Open to nonprofit organizations and academic institutions.

**To learn more and to APPLY, CLICK HERE**

## BPU to hold public meeting on underground facilities

The Staff of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) is inviting interested parties and members of the public to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the re-adoption of the Board's rules, entitled "**Underground Facilities: One-Call Damage Prevention System**" as set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:2.

As part of this process, a number of issues will be analyzed, including, but not limited to, operator responsibilities, excavator responsibilities and other best practices.

This meeting is a follow up meeting to the March 22, 2018 and May 21, 2018 stakeholder meetings in which multiple issues were brought up by the participating stakeholders.

For this specific stakeholder meeting, issues pertaining to N.J.A.C. 14:2-3.1 through N.J.A.C. 14:2-3.6 will be discussed.



Questions should be directed to Phil Galka in the Board's Division of Reliability and Security via email at [bpu.onecall@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:bpu.onecall@bpu.nj.gov).

The meeting will be **September 7, 2018, to be held at 10:30am** at:

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
 44 South Clinton Avenue  
 Trenton, NJ 08625  
 Multi-purpose Room (1st floor)

*Portions of this announcement are courtesy of the Board of Public Utilities*

## Help your Community 'Imagine a Day without Water'

Some communities in America already know how impossible it is to try to go a day without our most precious resource: Water. But many Americans take water for granted every day.

Imagine a Day Without Water 2018 is the fourth annual day to raise awareness and educate America about the value of water.

This year's event will be October 10. Members are encouraged to open their facilities for tours, utilize social media to spread the word, issue proclamations, host forums, and more.

Last year, over 750 organizations came together. Will you join us this year?

AEA will be providing materials to member organizations to assist with their participation in this awareness-focused event. If you and your AEA member organization would like to participate, contact us at 609-584-1877 or email us at [info@aeanj.org](mailto:info@aeanj.org).

## Asset Management Plan Implementation Deadline Eight Months Away

Reminder from the AEA Water Committee, that drinking water systems covered by the Water Quality Accountability Act (public water systems that have more than 500 service connections) must implement an asset management plan by April 19, 2019. See this link on the DEP site for more information [click here](#).

### News Links

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- Showdown: Scientists Compare Tap To Bottle, Filter
- Vernon VFW may pull up stakes over sewer fee dispute
- Baltimore council considering charter amendment to ban sale of city water system
- Bordentown City offers free lead testing
- State Goes After Polluters For Cleanup Costs

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