



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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Among NACWA Recommendations to Biden: Coordinate Federal COVID-19 RNA Wastewater Surveillance Efforts

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies met with members of the Biden-Harris transition team and made the following recommendations:

Proclaim water infrastructure and resiliency investment as a top priority. NACWA told the team that readying infrastructure for the impacts of climate change and the evolution of water use patterns "may be the single largest public works need that our nation faces."

Affirm EPA's Continued Commitment to Integrated Planning. NACWA considers "Integrated Planning as a key tool" in the effort to advance the goals of the Clean Water Act.

Support EPA's Updated Financial Capability Assessment Guidance. This recently updated draft of the Financial Capability Assessment guidance "represents a more holistic look at community financial capability" and should "be finalized and implemented."

Support federal coordination on COVID-19 RNA wastewater surveillance. Take steps to coordinate federal efforts relating to COVID-19 RNA wastewater surveillance including identifying a lead agency to work with state health departments and the municipal utilities.

Restore the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs). Revisit the Trump Administration decision on SEPs, which "have long been valued by diverse parties in CWA settlements to facilitate greater investment in local environmental projects."

AEA Asks Members to Speak Out at Clean Water Council Jan. 21



PFAS Public Hearing

The AEA NJPDES Committee is urging members to participate in next month's Clean Water Council hearing on PFAS.

The hearing takes place on Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. and it will be online.

The CWC will be inviting testimony, providing several questions on which it seeks input. The testimony at this hearing will be considered by the NJDEP as it moves ahead with preparing rules for PFAS and surface water dischargers. Information about the hearing, as of this writing, has not been posted, but we expect it to be soon.

Here is the link: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanwatercouncil/>.

For more information about the hearing and AEA's plans with regard to it, please contact Peggy Gallos.

Recognize Excellence: Nominate Someone for a WAVE Award



The Association of Environmental Authorities bestows Wave Awards to recognize excellence in the public water, wastewater, recycling, and solid waste sector in New Jersey. Submissions are reviewed by a three-member committee. This year's awards will be presented at our March utility management conference.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE is January 22

[Award Details & Submission Form](#)
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Why Should I Submit a Nomination?

Good work deserves attention. By submitting, you foster more success. You instill pride. You motivate. You help us raise awareness about the work we all do.

How Do I Submit A Nomination?

Complete the [appropriate nomination form](#). For each nomination, explain why the organization or individual award is merited. Include supporting documentation such as news stories, resumes, testimonial letters, or other material. Relevant project cost, savings attributed to an effort or project, descriptions of methodologies and other pertinent and distinguishing information should be included. Include photos or charts too, if applicable.

Note: Certain limits on who can submit in some categories. See individual award type descriptions.

Nominations are due Jan. 22, 2021

Send the nomination via email (preferred method) to Karen Burris, by fax to 609-584-8271, or by postal mail, addressed to Karen, at the AEA offices, 2333 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite 2, Mercerville, 08619. For more information, contact Peggy or Karen.

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