



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

### Webinar Next Week: Understanding Noise & the OSHA Hearing Conservation Standard

In a webinar scheduled for next week, participants will gain a better and more thorough understanding of noise and hearing hazards in the workplace — and how to mitigate potential safety threats.

The webinar will be presented by Tom Burgess, MS, CSP, CIH, a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and client manager in the Health and Safety Practice at T&M Associates, a leading engineering and construction management firm. Tom has more than 30 years' experience in safety and industrial hygiene, including the assessment and management of noise exposure.

T&M Associates are longtime members of AEA, and this this topic is one of many of interest to the members of the AEA Safety Committee. AEA invites people to join.

To learn more or sign up, [visit this link](#).

## FREE Jersey Water Works Conference is Tomorrow

Jersey Water Works' sixth annual conference will be virtual and held over three days, December 9 to December 11.

Speakers from diverse perspectives will explore pressing topics, such as: "How do we pay for water upgrades in fiscally challenging times?"

This three-day event is FREE!

It is not too late to register. Note that AEA board member Steve Blankenship will be among the speakers.

## NACWA Builds Support for Water Customer Assistance Legislation

According to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the new Congress and Administration presents a possibility for funding of the bill HR 4832/S2687 which would provide assistance for water and sewer bills.

From NACWA:

"This year, for the first time, Congress has introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to establish a federal program to assist low-income households in paying water and sewer bills.

"The legislation, [H.R. 4832/S.2687 Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2019](#), would establish a federal pilot program to help low-income households in paying their water and sewer bills.

"House leaders are eager to help address affordability challenges. The House passed a COVID-19 relief package that included \$1.5 Billion in assistance for water and sewer utilities to assist low-income ratepayers impacted by the pandemic.

"This proposal builds on the bipartisan support NACWA has secured in the House and Senate to establish a federal program at EPA to assist low-income households in paying water and sewer bills and NACWA is prioritizing building on this groundwork toward eventual passage of legislation to establish a permanent low-income water assistance program.

"The group plans to meet again in the early part of next year to discuss the next steps and efforts. Please contact [Kristina Surfus](#) or [Jason Isakovic](#), NACWA's Legislative Directors, to discuss further."

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