



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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## Oberreiter Named AEA Rep to State Advisory Committee

AEA is pleased to announce that **Lisa Oberreiter** has been appointed AEA wastewater representative on the [NJ Education and Advisory Committee on Water Supply and Wastewater Training](#). She has replaced **Richard Eustace**, who served in that position for well over 10 years. AEA thanks Rick for his service on this important body.

Ms. Oberreiter is General Superintendent at Middlesex County Utilities Authority. Ms. Oberreiter holds a BA in Environmental Studies and an MS in Environmental Science. She holds an S4 Wastewater Treatment license, C2 Collection System license and has more than 12 years of experience in the New Jersey wastewater sector.

Ms. Oberreiter is in her second term as a member of the AEA Board of Directors. She also completed the AEA Environmental Professional Development Academy (EPDA) program. Ms. Oberreiter will bring a thoughtful and professional perspective to her work on the committee.

Lisa joins **Pam Carolan** in representing AEA. Pam has been the AEA drinking water representative to Education and Advisory Committee for the last several years. She retired June 30 from long service as executive director of the Mount Laurel Township MUA. Pam is a licensed engineer.

A Past President and former Board of Directors member, Pam has been honored multiple times by AEA for her work at MTLMUA and with AEA, including being named a Life Member of AEA. She has chaired the AEA NJPDES Committee, and she has served as a long-time member of the Water Committee and the Legislative Committee.

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# New AEA Drinking Water Committee Chair

**Adam Ponsi**, Authority Engineer at Lakewood Township MUA, has succeeded **Steve Specht** as chair of the AEA drinking water committee.

Adam has been a member of the committee for many years. Ponsi has more than a decade of experience in various civil engineering disciplines including stormwater/drainage, site, transportation, soil erosion, water and wastewater fields. He is a licensed P.E., holds T1, W1, and C1 licenses, is a NJ Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA), and serves on the Board of Directors for the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey (GPANJ).

Specht retired this spring from a long career at Brick Township MUA. He chaired the water committee for many years, and at the time of his retirement, was AEA President. Specht was honored with an AEA Life Member designation in March.

Staff and commissioners from AEA member drinking water utilities are invited to participate in the water committee, which meets quarterly and as needed in between. The next meeting is September 18, 2025, at 10pm. Email [Karen Burris](mailto:karen.burris@aea-nj.org) if you would like to participate.

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## Increased Vigilance Advised



Our contacts through the Water Sector Security Working Group remind us that recent U.S. military action in Iran and related activity has prompted the FBI Newark to remind critical infrastructure partners to maintain "vigilance" and to emphasize good "hygiene" for cyber, counterterrorism, and counter-intelligence.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is able to assist utilities with hardening and monitoring networks and facilities.

AEA member utilities are reminded to "continue to monitor your networks and physical locations for suspicious activities and ensure all personnel are aware of indicators and the process to report suspicious activities which can then be reported to the New Jersey Regional Intelligence and Operations fusion center."

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## Important Reminder from AEA Safety Committee: Safe Ladder Use

Our Safety Committee newsletter editor, **Karen Oliver**, of South Monmouth

RSA, forwarded a reminder from PEOSH about safe use of ladders. PEOSH issued the reminder after several recent ladder accidents "resulting in serious injuries" and noted the requirements of OSHA standards at 29 CFR 1910.30 for General Industry and 1926.1060 for Construction:

- Use the right ladder for the job.
- Secure the ladder base and pay close attention to uneven surfaces and proximity to utility power lines
- Have a coworker foot the ladder while an employee is on it if the ladder is not suitably secured against unintentional movement.
- Do not move a ladder while a coworker or equipment is on the ladder.
- Wear proper footwear (e.g., non-slip flat shoes).
- Ensure that the ladder is fully extended before starting work.

For more info call the Hotline at 800-624-1644 or visit [nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth](http://nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth)

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