



**Association of Environmental
Authorities of New Jersey**

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Participate Free in Wastewater Surveillance Sampling

Dear members:

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission is participating with Biobot in a wastewater surveillance study. Additional systems are sought to participate. Participation is free.

For more information, contact at Biobot's Lauren Galinsky at support@biobot.io.

FAST for Authorities Likely Delayed a Year

We had word from Bernie Bujak at South Monmouth RSA that it looks as if authorities won't be submitting budgets by way of the DCA's FAST system until 2022 for the 2023 FY.

According to DCA, IT staff are still working on incorporating authorities into FAST and may not be done in time for the current year's submissions.

AEA Seeking Presentation Proposals for Upcoming Annual Meeting & Conference

AEA is seeking presentation proposals for its upcoming **Annual Meeting & Conference**.

The conference is set for **Nov. 16 & 17, 2021** at **Caesars Atlantic City**.

Plans are being made for a return to our in-person annual meeting & conference, to be held at Caesars in Atlantic City. The Onward & Upward theme continues as we conclude the celebration of our 50th anniversary. Registration information will be posted sometime in August.

We are **seeking proposals for presentations** to be made at the conference. Full details and submission forms are below:

Submission Deadline: August 6, 2021

[A Call for Presentations Details](#)

[Presentation Proposal Submission Form](#)

Join AEA's Weekly Check-In Zoom Meetings

AEA continues to host weekly check-in meetings on Zoom. These meetings afford participants an opportunity to touch base with others in the field, trade ideas, and more.

The agenda changes each week, allowing for timely topics relevant to the news of the day.

To participate, email Karen at karen@aeanj.org for a link to the Zoom meeting.

AEA Announces New Protect NJ Public Water Website



AEA has developed a new website meant to provide information and resources regarding **water and sewer privatization**. The new website is protectNJpublicwater.com.

AEA is also launching a Facebook page, [protectSouthJerseypublicwater](https://www.facebook.com/protectSouthJerseypublicwater), and like the website, it is meant to be a resource regarding privatization. These platforms are becoming available as AEA, several public-sector

unions, and other groups are opposing S3637. The bill would create a State-level trust fund that would take dedications of water, sewer and other local government assets. In return, the dedicating government units would earn credits on pension liabilities.

AEA views the bill as a "Trojan Horse" to privatization. **AEA urges its members to speak out against S3637** and urge legislators not to support the bill.

At the same time, Cumberland County UA is entertaining proposals to privatize. An RFQ CUA issued last month was generated mainly in response to overtures of Bernhard Capital Partners, a Louisiana private equity firm. Bernhard has been courting South Jersey officials in Cumberland County, Millville and possibly other locations, attempting to market its concession approach to privatizing. CUA commissioners are divided about the Bernhard proposal. Steve Errickson, CUA executive director, last week announced his resignation, saying the incursion of outside forces has harmed his ability to do his job.

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