



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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NJ chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America holding spring conference May 17-21

To Register for this **virtual event**, click here: <https://swananj.org/conferences/>

The conference will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, **May 17-18**, and Friday, **May 21** from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The Thursday session will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Fifteen speakers are scheduled to provide an update on the organic waste industry, discuss recycling innovation, and review current NJDEP rule proposals, including the H2S rule which will affect most wastewater collection and treatment systems and landfill. There will also be a session on innovative technologies.

Topics include Organic Waste Recycling Industry Update, NJDEP Rules and Proposals, and more.

Sponsorships are also available. All sponsors will be showcased during the virtual conference and receive full access to all four days. Contact lsaulding@acua.com for information.

State & Local Recovery Funds to Include \$\$ for Water and Sewer Infrastructure

On May 10, the U.S. Treasury released a fact sheet regarding the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which provides **\$350 billion in emergency funding** for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

The fact sheet says, “these funds also deliver resources that recipients can invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading their water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.” It states that “recipients may use this funding to **invest in an array of drinking water infrastructure projects** such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines,” and that “recipients may also use this funding to invest in wastewater infrastructure projects, including constructing publicly-owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly-owned treatment works.”

Some of the money will go directly to municipalities. For example, Edison will receive \$15.6M, Trenton will receive \$73M and Toms River Township will receive \$15.4M. Money for smaller

municipalities will go through the State.

The Treasury Department also said it will aligns eligible sewer and water projects with eligibility for SRF money. It is not clear yet how authorities would access funding, but Treasury said more information is coming.

EPA Urges Making Water a Career of Choice

The EPA has prepared a Compendium of Water Workforce Case Studies from Across the Country. Jobs in the water sector provide stable employment, meaningful careers, technical training, and important technical skills (including using innovative technologies), and a chance to make a real difference in our communities across the nation.

Each case study is different, but they all share a dedication to the health and safety of our communities. The dedicated water workforce professionals at the utilities highlighted in this compendium demonstrate that a career in water means making a difference in people's lives every day.

EPA believes these case studies will provide valuable and useful information to help utilities across the water sector support and sustain their most precious resource—their workers.

[View the full document here.](#)

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