



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

### One Great Conference Done, Another One Already Being Planned



Thank you to all those who attended all or part of the AEA conference and annual meeting in Atlantic City last week. Sponsors, speakers, volunteers and attendees are all elements of a great conference.

Also thank you to Karen Burris, Lorna O'Hara and Millie Diaz as well as the staff at Bally's for delivering a smooth running and enjoyable program for AEA.

At the annual meeting, we thanked outgoing executive committee member Rick Dovey and outgoing board members Mike Gianforte and Joe Rizzuto. The membership voted on a new slate of officers: Justin Flancabaum of Lakewood MUA, president; Steve Specht of Brick MUA, first vice president; Richard Brand of East Windsor MUA, second vice president; Brian Brach, Manasquan River RSA, treasurer; and Dave Harpell, past president.

The membership also approved the addition of three new board members: Dave Brown, of Linden-Roselle SA, Jeff Rollins of Evesham MUA and Brian Valentino of Western Monmouth UA.

We are already planning the spring conference - save the date! March 11-12 at Caesar's. Keynote speaker: Matthew Goerke on "The Memory Switch."

We will also hear from Steve Tambini, the executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, on its State of the Basin report, and we will plan another session on implementation of the stormwater utilities law.

We are still accepting presentation proposals for the rest of the program. Look for the proposal form on our website in December. Feel free to email Karen or Peggy if you want to discuss before then.

# Western Monmouth Utilities Authority Wins One Water Award for its Instrumental Role in Establishing the EPDA

Western Monmouth Utilities Authority was one of two winners this year of the One Water Award in the public category. The jury chose WMUA for its instrumental role in establishing the AEA Environmental Professional Development Academy. WMUA conceived and piloted the program, which is now entering its fifth year.

The other winner in the public category was Amy S. Greene Environmental. The City of Camden and NJ American Water were winners in the private category.

The awards will be presented on Dec. 13 at the annual Jersey Water Works conference to be held at the Hyatt in New Brunswick. AEA is a co-sponsor of the One Water Award, along with Jersey Water Works, AWWA-NJ, and NJWEA. A jury of representatives from these organizations and others selects the winners each year. AEA's representative is Charles Norkis, the retired executive director of the Cape May County MUA.

Congratulations WMUA and thank you Charlie!



## Clean Energy Program has Funding for Wastewater Equipment

A representative of the clean energy program attended our conference last week to share the news that the clean energy program has incentives available for implementation of more efficient process improvements, aeration equalization tanks, process blowers, pump motors as well as HVAC systems and lighting.

If you are interested, visit [NJCleanEnergy.com/CI](http://NJCleanEnergy.com/CI) or call 866-657-6278

## Bill Requiring Utilities to Inform Officials of Boil-Water Notices in One Hour Goes to Governor's Desk

The following is excerpted from a news release issued earlier this afternoon:

A bill sponsored by Assembly members Dan Benson, Wayne DeAngelo and Nancy Pinkin requiring that boil water notices are given to the mayor and the city clerk within one hour of testing cleared the full Assembly Monday, 74-0. It will now go to the Governor for further review.

This legislation (A2423) responds to a series of issues arising from Trenton Water Works (TWW). In January 2018, the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued four violations after the failure of a filter went undetected for more than a month.

The bill would require the owner or operator of a public water system to provide notice to the mayor and municipal clerk of each municipality that receives water from the public water system when a boil water notice is in effect, regardless of whether the notice is in effect for that specific municipality. Notifications would be made via telephone and electronic mail as soon as possible, but no later than one hour after the public water system learns of the contamination. The notice would be in addition to any other notice

required by State or federal law and would contain: name of the public water system affected; geographical area affected; date of the occurrence; consumer corrective measures to be taken; and a telephone number where customers may reach an appropriate party.

Upon the boil water notice being rescinded, the bill would also require the owner or operator of the public water system to provide notice via both telephone and electronic mail to the affected municipalities.

## **Recognize Excellence and Nominate Someone in the 2020 Wave Awards!**



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 a luncheon on Day Two, Wed., March 11, 2020 of the spring utility management conference at Caesar's in Atlantic City.

You may view and download a nomination form [at this link](#). Nominations are due Jan. 10, 2020.

### **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. 10, 2020**

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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## Environmental Professional Development Academy (EPDA) Sessions Begin in January

Track 1 of our 2020 [EPDA classes](#) begin in January - and there is still time to sign up. See below for registration links.

This track will be devoted to Operations and it begins Wednesday January 22, 2020. This track consists of tours at various member authorities. Participants are encouraged to wear boots or other sturdy shoes during classes. Safety boots, head protection and ear protection are to be brought with the attendees to all site visits. If eye protection is required it will be provided. The first location will be posted soon.

If you have questions, please call Karen or Peggy at 609-584-1877.

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