



AEA Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 23

The Heldrich, New Brunswick, N.J.

Agenda

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CEUs - Course #17958 -CMFO/CCFO, 4.5 office management and ancillary subjects; CPWM, 3.5 government, 1.0 management; RMC, 4.5 professional development; QPA, 4.5 office admin./general duties.

8:45 a.m.

Brian Brach, AEA President

Dan Kennedy, Moderator, NAIOP New Jersey

9:15 a.m.

New Administration's Priorities

Elizabeth Noll, Senior Strategist for Energy

This presentation by the Senior Strategist for Energy for the State of New Jersey, will provide an in-depth look at the state's evolving energy landscape and strategic priorities delivered under the leadership of Governor Mikie Sherrill. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how Governor Sherrill's leadership is shaping strategic energy planning in New Jersey, fostering collaboration across agencies, and preparing the state for future energy challenges and opportunities as it relates to the water/wastewater industry.

10:00 a.m.

Legislative Perspectives

Senator Bob Smith, Chair Environment & Energy Committee

Our presenter will continue dialogue between operators, engineers, regulators, and lawmakers. Our frontline experience informs smarter policy. When regulations are grounded in operational reality and scientific evidence, compliance becomes achievable and outcomes improve. Looking ahead, climate resilience must remain central to our strategy. Sea level rise, stronger storm systems, and prolonged drought conditions will continue to test our infrastructure. Planning for resilience today will save taxpayers far greater costs tomorrow.

10:45 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

DEP Priorities

Deputy Commissioner Joseph Seebode, Susan Rosenwinkel and Charles Jenkins, NJDEP

As New Jersey begins 2026 with new Governor and focuses oversight of drinking water and wastewater systems, the Deputy Commissioner will outline priorities of the new Administration. The DEP Division of Water Quality Director will discuss the success of the CSO program, the licensed operating rules, and the PFAS DLA sampling program. The presentation will also touch on the SRF program and construction funding.

12:00 p.m.

Recognition Luncheon

Wave Award presentations

1:30 p.m.

PFAS

Diane Alexander, Maraziti Falcon

This presentation will update attendees on the proposed 3M and DuPont Judicial Consent Orders, how they affect members and the continuing efforts AEA is taking to convey our concerns to the appropriate people.

2:15 p.m.

Open Forum with AEA Board

Peggy Gallos, AEA

Brian Brach, Manasquan River RSA

Brian Valentino, Western Monmouth UA

This town hall style format will provide our members and attendees the opportunity to discuss AEA's preferred futures.

3:00 p.m.

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