

PFAS Clean Water Solutions Summit

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Draft Annotated Agenda

Expected Outcomes

- Develop a leadership council of stakeholders vested in advancing effective action on PFAS cleanup.
- Identify policy and practical barriers to fostering innovation and scaling deployment of the best treatment technologies.
- Promote water reuse and recycling as an effective mechanism to treat and possibly eliminate discharges.
- Catalyze research and development for disposal and destruction technologies.

Annotated Agenda (All speakers to be invited)

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

- Chuck Chaitovitz, Vice President, Environmental Affairs and Sustainability, U.S. Chamber of Commerce (confirmed)

Annotation:

Chuck will open the event and outline desired outcomes. The current regulatory landscape with the challenging national primary drinking water standard and other water and wastewater policies will be acknowledged. Many of the challenges related to PFAS and water are due to legacy chemistries no longer in commerce in the U.S. But these issues should not be the focus of the discussion and instead be included in a “parking lot” to address at a future session. Chuck will underscore the important priority of identifying potential pathways to getting to cleanup and/or treatment more quickly and effectively.

Main message: The business community supports accelerating effective cleanup, while at the same maintaining access to essential chemistries in critical sectors across the economy.

8:40 a.m.

Fireside Chat on Federal Approach to PFAS Cleanup

- Jessica Kramer, [Nominee to Serve as] Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency (if confirmed)
 - In conversation Marty Durbin, Senior Vice President, Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Chamber of Commerce (confirmed)

Annotation:

Marty will moderate a conversation with Jess with the following introduction and proposed questions:

- Congratulations on this important role and your recent confirmation hearing. Your preparation and experience were highlighted. You were involved with the development of the PFAS Action Plan in the last Trump administration. What is the Office of Water's overall approach to addressing PFAS?
- How are you planning to engage with your colleagues in other EPA offices?
- What are your priorities for assisting communities to more effectively cleanup PFAS in the environment?
- How can the private sector collaborate with you to develop and deploy the innovations needed to help?

9:15 a.m.

PFAS Technology Research and Development Landscape

- Dr. Peter Grevatt, President, Water Research Foundation (confirmed)
- Dr. Lauren A. Weinrich, Director, Research & Development, American Water (confirmed)

Annotation:

Peter and Lauren will highlight the current state of the research, development, and deployment of technologies to tackle PFAS in the environment — treatment, monitoring, and disposal and destruction. What additional scientific work is needed? What are key uncertainties? Peter and Lauren will answer questions from the audience.

10:15 a.m.

Treatment and Clean up Technologies: Opportunities and Gaps

- Dr. John Banovetz, Chief Technology Officer, 3M (confirmed)
- David Gadis, CEO, DC Water
- JC Ye, Corporate Sales Director, Veolia North America (confirmed)
 - Moderated by Adam Krantz, CEO, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (confirmed)

Annotation:

Proposed questions:

- What are the leading, emerging technologies currently in the field?
- Are there innovations in the pipeline? Why are they needed?
- What are the technical and policy barriers to implementing treatment today? Are there unanswered questions? What about operations and maintenance?
- Where does water reuse and recycling fit in the continuum of solutions?

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10:45 a.m.

Monitoring and Testing Opportunities and Gaps

- Daniel Benitez, Vice President, Partnerships & Open Innovation, Water Quality Segment, Veralto (confirmed)
- Tom Ei, Senior Director for Remediation, Chemours (confirmed)
- Dr. Ermias Leggesse, Chief Scientist, Ketos (confirmed)
 - Moderated by Eric Burneson, Director, Standards and Risk Management Division, EPA (confirmed)

Annotations:

Proposed questions:

- What are the best ways to leverage digital technologies and artificial intelligence to optimize screening and early warning and determining risks?
- What are the regulatory and practical barriers to using such sensors in compliance monitoring?
- Are there technical solutions available now? How are they being used? What would have to change?
- What is needed to ensure the latest testing is widely available, with most robust data to ensure compliance?

11:15 a.m.

Disposal and Destruction Opportunities and Gaps

- Dr. Susan Burden, Senior Science Advisor, Office of Research and Development, EPA (confirmed)
- Dr. Melvin Keener, Executive Director, Council for Responsible Waste Incineration (confirmed)
 - Moderated by David Dunlap, Vice President of Global Government Relations, Enviri (confirmed)

Annotation:

Proposed questions:

- What are the fundamentals of thermal destruction and the needs of the thermal destruction industry to show destruction and continuous compliance? What are the challenges?
- What are the most promising thermal technologies available?
- Is injection well storage practical? What are the challenges?
- How will the U.S. address landfill capacity issues?

11:45 a.m.

Networking Break and Pickup Lunch

11:55 a.m.

Next Steps

- Tracy Mehan, Executive Director, Government Affairs, American Water Works Association
- Robert Simon, Vice President, American Chemistry Council (confirmed)

- Claudio Ternieden, Executive Director, Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (confirmed)
 - Moderated by Chuck Chaitovitz (confirmed)

Annotation:

Proposed questions:

- How are your members preparing for cleanup of PFAS in the environment?
- What is keeping them up at night when thinking about cleaning up current PFAS in the environment?
- How long will it take to ensure that workable solutions are in place?
- What are the concrete actions we can begin to take? What partnerships are needed?
- What is the next discussion in which this group and others should engage?

12:30 p.m.

Wrap up and Lunch

- Chuck Chaitovitz (confirmed)

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