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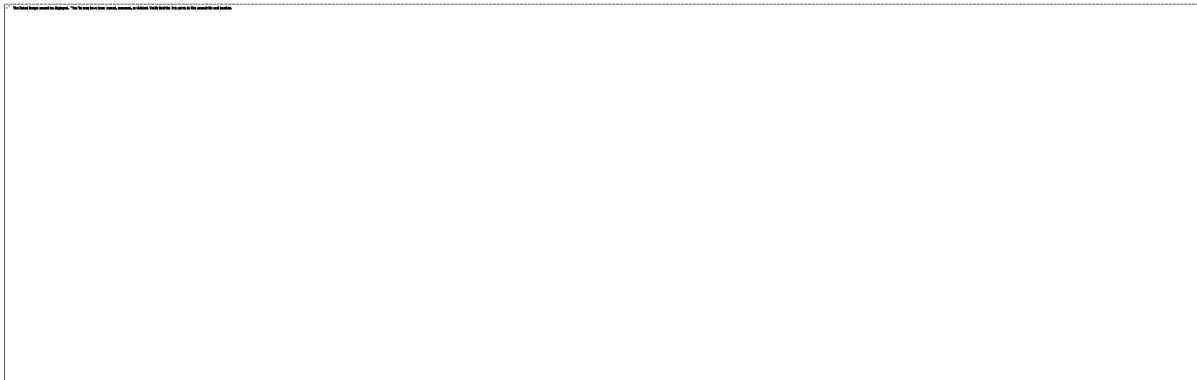
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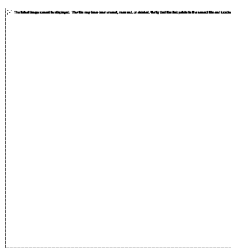
## AWWA cheers drinking water protection measures in Farm Bill

AWWA's efforts to protect drinking water sources through the upcoming Farm Bill reauthorization paid off yesterday when the first version of the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 included all of the Association's key recommendations.


Committee leaders plan to begin "markup" sessions, or hearings in which the committee accepts or rejects amendments, the middle of next week.

In a letter delivered to the U.S. House Agriculture Committee yesterday, AWWA thanked Chairman K. Michael Conaway, R-TX, and Ranking Member Collin Peterson, D-MN, as well as Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-OK, and Subcommittee Ranking Member Marcia Fudge, D-OH, for their commitment to protecting source water.


"Farm Bill conservation programs, along with partnerships between [the U.S. Department of Agriculture], water utilities and farmers, can be key to protecting drinking water sources," the letter noted. "AWWA believes the 'downstream benefits' and public health benefits of these conservation programs make the conservation title of the Farm Bill extremely important to all Americans who depend on clean drinking water."....Read More...



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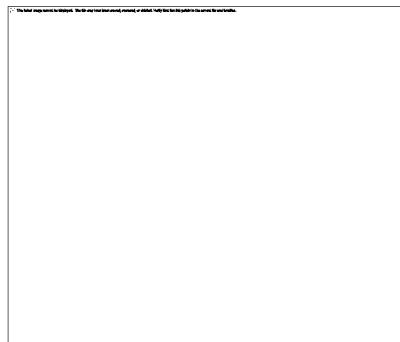
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Next week in D.C.

## Fly-In delegates ready to engage with Congress

Whether from small states or large, delegates to next week's AWWA Water Matters! Fly-In are planning appointments with lawmakers, reviewing issue packets, checking out the Fly-In smartphone app, and selecting a good pair of walking shoes.

"We are sometimes running between meetings," said Rick Callender, chief of external affairs for Santa Clara Valley Water District in California, who is attending his 11th Fly-In. "We try to meet with every member of Congress from our state as well as their staff responsible for



water issues. This is really a grassroots effort to influence policy.”

On Wednesday and Thursday, about 150 water leaders from 48 states will be in Washington, where they'll meet face-to-face with lawmakers to promote support of the conservation title of the 2018 Farm Bill and reinvestment in water infrastructure.

It's all part of the annual two-day event that AWWA first held in 2002 with a few dozen utility leaders to educate senators and representatives on issues affecting drinking water and clean water utilities. AWWA is partnering again this year with other water associations to present a more unified voice on Capitol Hill. [Read More...](#)

## 'Science Friday' star Ira Flatow to speak at ACE18

Ira Flatow's interest in things scientific began in boyhood – he almost burned down his mother's bathroom trying to recreate a biology class experiment.

“I was the proverbial kid who spent hours in the basement experimenting with electronic gizmos, and then entering them in high school science fairs,” Flatow says.

Flatow has shared his enthusiasm for science with public radio listeners for more than 35 years as the host of National Public Radio's 'Science Friday,' a call-in program and podcast heard by 2 million people each week. [Read More...](#)



### Member Spotlight

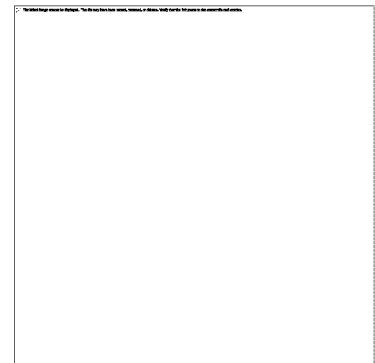
## Wastewater treatment director raises public health awareness

### Katie Karow

**Job and Employer:** Director of wastewater treatment at the Kenosha Water Utility, Kenosha, Wisconsin. I am also the designated operator-in-charge and oversee laboratory services, the industrial pretreatment program, and hazardous waste programs.

**Age:** 48

**What is something unexpected you learned on the job?** Maybe it's not unexpected, but I am grateful every day to work in water and wastewater services. I love working in public service and people may find it unexpected how much I love wastewater treatment. My dad was a plumber and plumbing inspector. Ever since I was little, I learned the value of sanitation to society. It's not something that many talk about, but I like to raise awareness of public health and environmental protection that wastewater treatment makes in our country. As



a society, we cannot take that for granted or be complacent.

**How do you raise awareness of the role wastewater treatment plays in public health and environmental protection?** We conduct several tours of the wastewater treatment plant for students ranging from fourth grade to college. Also, the Kenosha Water Utility hosted an open house of the wastewater plant in June 2017.

**What are your daily duties?** In addition to overseeing the 20-mgd wastewater treatment plant, as well as my other previously mentioned duties, I administer requirements of the state-issued discharge permit and report to regulatory agencies. I'm also part of the capital improvements management team. [Read More...](#)

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[Optimizing Internal Corrosion Control in Distribution Systems Webinar / April 18](#)

[Water Treatment Operator Level 3 / April 23 - May 25 / Online](#)

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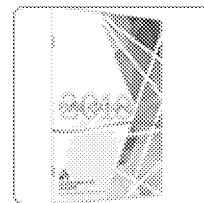
[Customer Service Seminar / May 9 - 10 / Kansas City, Kansas](#)

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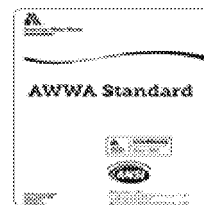
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