

20th Annual Northern Conference

SPLASHDOWN!

October 28 & 29, 2025



Attendee Information

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center—Rockford, Illinois

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
200 S. Bell School Road
Rockford, IL 61108
Call 815-226-2100 for reservations
Double or Single \$119.00+tax per night

Online booking at <http://choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/XZ21Z8>

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9/29/25

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Rural Water
Association
room block

PRE-REGISTRATION - Registration and badges are required for all conference attendees. Please register each attendee by completing the registration form below and return it with your payment to: **IRWA, P.O. BOX 49, TAYLORVILLE, IL 62568**. You may also sign up on-line and pay with a credit card at: www.ilrwa.org. All fees must be paid when registering - we cannot do special billings or purchase orders. **IRWA will not send a confirmation of registration.**

Pre-registration must be postmarked by October 17, 2025.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: All conference attendees must obtain a name badge and conference material at the registration desk. If you do not pre-register, please make sure that you register as soon as possible after you arrive at the conference. ****Please note that on-site registration fees are \$25.00 higher than pre-registration****

REGISTRATION HOURS: Tuesday, October 28th: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 29th: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: Refunds are only given in cases of emergency situations. You must provide a written request to the IRWA office in order to receive a refund.

EXHIBIT HALL: 30 companies will be on site to bring you the newest products and services they have to offer. Exhibit hall hours: October 28th: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. AND October 29th: 8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

HOSPITALITY NIGHT: Tuesday evening 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please join us for food & beverages!

Questions?

Registration Form

Please print or type

Call
800-762-3547

NAME: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SYSTEM REPRESENTING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

(PLEASE CIRCLE REGISTRATION TYPE)

FULL REGISTRATION:

(Includes Technical Sessions, Meals, Activities & Exhibit Hall for both days)

MEMBER \$165.00

NON-MEMBER \$215.00

ONE DAY REGISTRATION:

(Includes Technical Sessions, Meals, Activities & Exhibit Hall for ONE DAY ONLY - **circle day**)

MEMBER \$120.00 attending Tuesday or Wednesday

NON-MEMBER \$160.00 attending Tuesday or Wednesday

Please make check payable to: **Illinois Rural Water Association, P.O. Box 49, Taylorville, IL 62568**

SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.—Rural Development Update - Julie Hatfield; Rural Development Office (Dual Credit) Hear about any updates happening at Rural Development.

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.— IEPA Update - TBD; IEPA (Water Credit Only) Always a popular session! Learn about changes in rules and regs from IEPA.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.— Hydraulic Modeling for Water and Wastewater Systems - Claire Samojedny & Jacob Eck; Burns & McDonnell (Dual Credit) Introduction to using water distribution system hydraulic models to plan Capital Improvement Plans, make system updates, size infrastructure and plan improvements.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.—CCR and Public Notification Updates - Mary Reed; IRWA (Water Credit Only) This session will break down several of the FAQ's how to properly put together your CCR. You will also hear about the latest updates on other public notifications.

1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.—How Coating Options Prevent Corrosion in our Water Infrastructure Help in Sustainability Efforts - Kevin Zei & Sean Meracle; Sherwin Williams (Dual Credit) This presentation will provide a framework to evaluate and select the maintenance painting and lining option that moves toward zero carbon emissions for utility facility maintenance (water tanks, piping, treatment facilities, etc.).

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.— Testing for Lead in Schools and Daycares - Adam Nutt; IEPA (Water Credit Only) Adam will be teaching us all we need to know about testing for lead in these facilities.

3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.— Mandatory Positive Response: What is it and How Does it Work? - Dave Van Wy; J.U.L.I.E., Inc. (Dual Credit) Starting January 1st, 2026, all JULIE member companies and excavators must utilize JULIE's Positive Response system. Learn what that entails and the options for compliance with the law.

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.— Digitization and AI for Small and Mid-sized Water and Wastewater Utilities - Nina Kshetry; Ensaras (Dual Credit) Focus on how these technologies are delivering value to the water and wastewater industries as well as reviewing the growing threats in cybersecurity and how to prevent those threats.

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.— Tank Inspections - Darin Clarke; Maguire (Water Credit Only) Water Tanks... What to Inspect, How to Inspect & Why Inspect!

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Contaminants of Emerging Concern for Water and Wastewater - Kim Cole; KimHEC (Dual Credit) This talk will review the sources of these pollutants as well as One-Water concepts connecting water and wastewater systems. The regulatory process will be reviewed including movement on having standards in drinking water and wastewater systems for the pollutants will also be covered.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.—Well Relining Advancements – Swage Technology - Todd Kerry; Water Well Solutions (Water Credit Only) Swaging can extend the well service life and improves water quality while minimizing maintenance costs and service downtime. Learn more about this technology at this session.

1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.— Asset Management Essentials & Preventative Maintenance - Chad Johnson; USG Water Solutions (Dual Credit) Drawing on real-world examples, modern tools, and national infrastructure data including insights from the EPA Gap Analysis. This presentation equips utility professionals with a clearer understanding of how to align asset management with system performance and public safety goals.

3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.—PFAS Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) – What, When, How - Paul Jackson; Pace Analytical Services (Water Credit Only) During this presentation attendees will learn how these interact and are calculated, the timeline for implementation of the Initial Monitoring and enforcement of the MCLs, how UCMR 5 data can be used for Initial Monitoring, and about EPA's proposed changes to the rule.

**There are no wastewater only sessions at this conference.
However, 5.5 hours of the 10.75 credits offered may be used for dual credit.**



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