

Certification & Training Unit
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Wastewater Operations and Collection Facilities Conference

November 28-30, 2023

Conference highlights

Keynote speakers – General Session Tuesday, November 28

Katrina Kessler was appointed commissioner of the MPCA effective November 1, 2021. Prior to her appointment, she served as assistant commissioner for water policy and agriculture, after returning to the agency from her role as director of the Surface Water and Sewers Division at the City of Minneapolis. In that position, Katrina directed management of Minneapolis' 150-year-old sewer infrastructure and helped advance the city's climate and water quality goals. Previously, Katrina worked at the MPCA for 13 years as a permit engineer and served as effluent limits supervisor and manager of the water assessment section.

Katrina has a bachelor of arts in environmental science from American University and a master of science in environmental engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. John O. Anfinson has been researching, writing and speaking about the upper Mississippi River for over 30 years. He spent the first half of his federal career with

the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a historian and cultural resources program manager. He joined the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service, in 2000, where he served as Superintendent from 2014-2020.

John is the author of *The River We Have Wrought: A History of the Upper Mississippi* (2003) and *River of History* (2003). He sits on several boards, including Friends of the Mississippi River, Minnesota and National Mississippi River Parkway Commissions (Great River Road), and the National Parks Conservation Association's Midwest Council. John holds a Ph.D. in U.S. History from the University of Minnesota.

Contact hours and attendance

The MPCA only awards contact hours to certified operators in attendance. Contact hours are individually awarded based on each operator's daily arrival and departure time. Operators not attending the full conference may need to attend additional training to gain adequate renewal hours. You must attend the entire conference to earn 16 contact hours.

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CONTROL AGENCY

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Marriott Northwest
7025 Northland Drive N.
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota



Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Plant

Breakout sessions:

- eDMRs
- New Plants/Upgrades
- Emerging Issues & Technologies
- Pretreatment & Industrial WW
- Monitoring & Laboratory Sampling
- Nutrients
- Stabilization Ponds
- Retirement Planning
- Stormwater
- Cyber Security
- Regulations & Compliance
- Wild Rice Sulfate Standard
- PFAS
- Chlorides
- Ag/Urban Partnership
- Process Optimization – Stabilization Ponds & Mechanical Plants
- Lift Station Maintenance/Repairs/Rehab
- Pumps, Controls & Electrical Safety
- F.O.G./Odor Control
- O & M
- New Technologies
- Rehabilitation with Trenchless Technologies
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) & New Public Notice Rule
- Damage Control & Avoiding Risk and Liabilities

Conference at-a-glance

Registration 7:00–8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 28	Wednesday, November 29	Thursday, November 30
8:00 a.m. Welcome & General Session Speakers	8:00 a.m. Breakout sessions	7:30 a.m. Operator's breakfast
9:30 a.m. Breakout sessions	10:00 a.m. Vendor/Professional Organization Exhibits	8:00 a.m. Breakout sessions
12:00 p.m. Lunch	12:00 p.m. Lunch	12:00 p.m. Conference adjourns (no lunch)
1:00 p.m. Breakout sessions	1:00 p.m. Breakout sessions	To receive 16 contact renewal hours, you must attend the entire 2 ½ days and sign the attendance sheets at the end of every session you attend.
4:30 p.m. Sessions adjourn	3:00 p.m. Vendor show ends	
	4:30 p.m. Sessions adjourn	

Exhibitor information

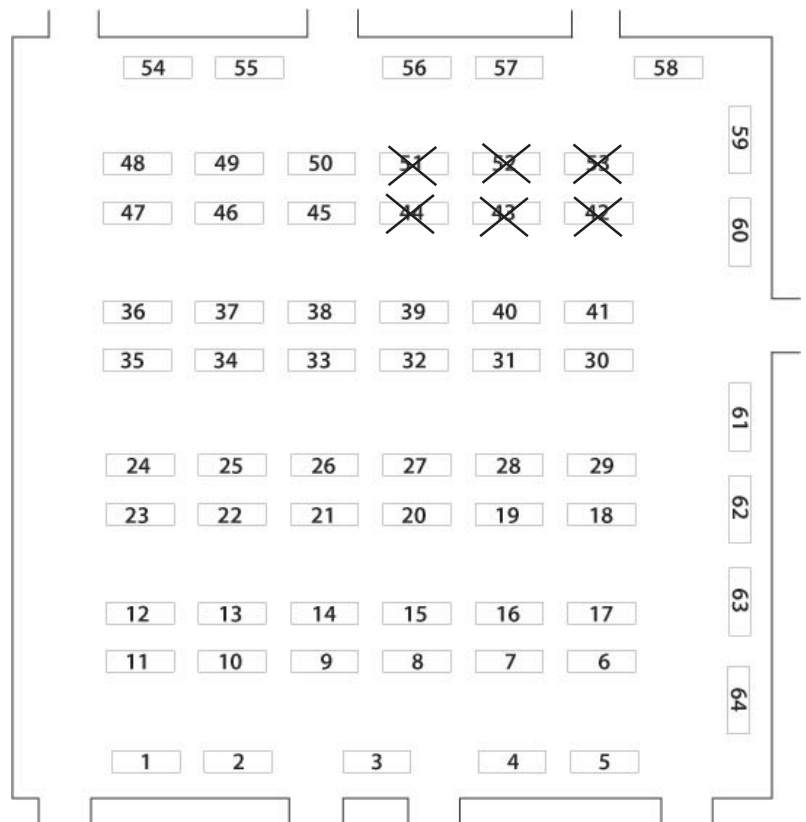
Vendor exhibits will be held **Wednesday, November 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** **Exhibit set-up begins at 9:00 a.m.** Information is available here and on the MPCA website at www.pca.state.mn.us/training.

For exhibitors registering and paying by **November 10**, the cost per booth is \$390 **plus one door prize**; after **November 10**, registration cost is \$415 **plus one door prize**. **Door prize must be of a \$50 value or greater.**

All booths have eight-foot tables. **If you need electricity, contact the hotel directly at 763-536-8300. Note: the hotel charges extra for electricity.**

Use the diagram at right to select a booth. Indicate your top three choices on the registration form. We will do our best to provide you with one of your choices.

Questions contact Alexa Kersey at 651-757-2137 or 1-800-657-3864 or alexa.kersey@state.mn.us.



Wastewater and Collection Facilities Conference Registration for Attendees and Exhibitors

Required information – print clearly

Legal name _____

Business/employer _____

Home address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Preferred email _____

Sign me up for **Lift Station Tour** (Limit 50)

ATTN Speakers/Developers: Select the day(s) of your session below.

	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Postmark after 11/10/23	Total cost
Attendee <i>Select all three days for 16 contact hours – \$390</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	+\$25	
Speakers/Developers <i>Fee waived for speaking day</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0		
Exhibitor <i>Exhibitor fee + 1 door prize</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$390		+\$25	
Exhibitor booth choice	1.	2.	3.		

US BANK will be charging a separate service fee of 2.15% for all credit card transactions and 1.25% for all debit card transactions after April 1, 2022. A separate non-refundable service fee will be displayed on your credit card statement, in addition to the MPCA charged training fee.

Payment

Check or government P.O. # _____ made payable to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Mail registration with check/PO payment to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ATTN: Fiscal - 6
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

Credit card Visa Mastercard Amount \$ _____

Name on card _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email receipt to _____

Card # _____

Exp. date _____ **Security code** _____

Cardholder signature _____

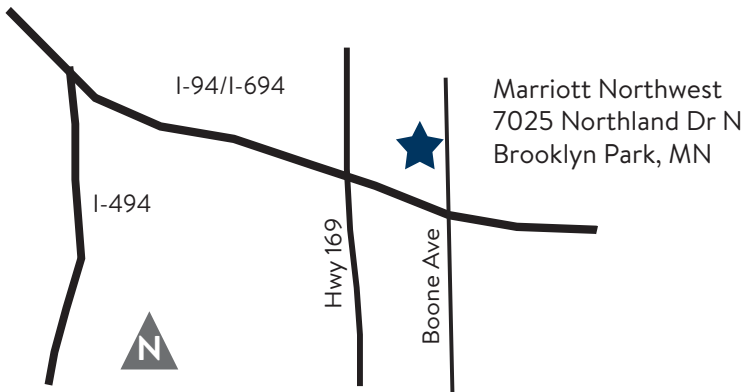
Person taking class _____

Fax registration with credit card payment to 651-797-1385.

You may complete this form electronically and then print and mail or fax it with your payment. Do not email it as an attachment with credit card information!

Hotel

The [Marriott Northwest](#) has reserved a block of rooms at a special conference rate of \$152 until **October 30, 2023**. Call 763-536-8300 or 1-877-303-1681 to make reservations. Mention the MPCA Conference to get the special rate.



Registration questions?

Contact Samantha Koski at 651-757-2496 or 1-800-657-3864 and at samantha.koski@state.mn.us with any questions or dietary needs.