

Wastewater Operations and Collection Facilities Conference

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CONTROL AGENCY

October 8-10, 2024

Marriott Northwest
7025 Northland Drive N.
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota



Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Plant

General Session:

The theme this year is Cyber Security and the Conference will begin with a welcome address from the MPCA followed by our keynote speaker Angela Hary, Cyber Navigator; Security Operations Center Minnesota IT Services. Angela Hary will address best management practices and evolving strategies to identify:

- The most significant vulnerabilities of water systems to cyberattacks
- The challenges that water systems face in adopting cybersecurity best practices, and
- Near-term actions and long-term strategies to reduce the risk of water systems nationwide to cyberattacks. What will successful state programs look like as actions evolve nation-wide regarding Water System Action Plans that are developing at the national level?

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
- LSTS and Wastewater Hydrology
- Sludge Incineration
- 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
- Collection System O & M
- New Technologies
- Managing Risks & Liabilities
- Safety (Personal & Personnel)

Conference at-a-glance

Registration 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8		Wednesday, October 9		Thursday, October 10	
8 a.m.	Welcome & General Session Speakers	8 a.m.	Breakout sessions	8 a.m.	Breakout sessions
9:30 a.m.	Breakout sessions	10 a.m.	Vendor/Professional Organization Exhibits	12 p.m.	Conference adjourns (no lunch)
1 p.m.	Breakout sessions	1 p.m.	Breakout sessions	Breakfast will be provided	
4:30 p.m.	Sessions adjourn	3 p.m.	Vendor show ends	NO EXAMS	
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided		4:30 p.m.	Sessions adjourn		
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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 of 2 ½ days may need to attend additional training to gain adequate renewal hours. You must attend the entire conference to earn 16 contact hours. This conference is for continuing education hours only.

There is no exam refresher or exam session offered at this event; they will be offered separately [February 4-6, 2025](#).

Exhibitor information

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

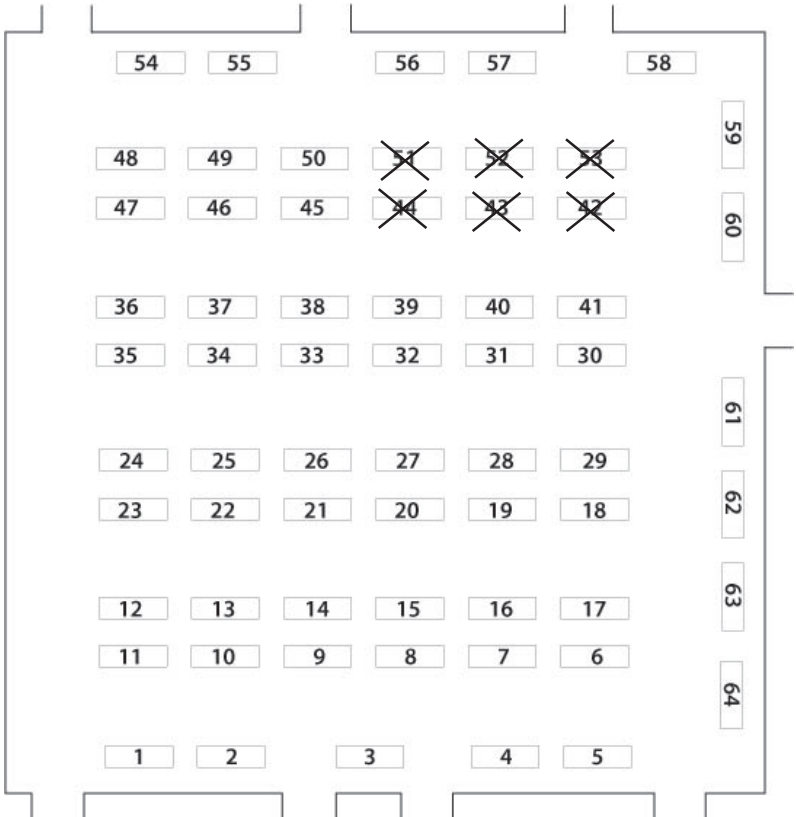
For exhibitors registering and paying by September 24, the cost per booth is \$585 plus one door prize of a \$50 value or greater.

After September 24, registration cost is \$610 plus one door prize of a \$50 value or greater.

All booths have eight-foot tables. If you need electricity, contact the hotel directly at 952-412-2315. Note: the hotel charges extra for electricity.

Use the diagram at right to select a booth. Indicate your top three locations 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 _____

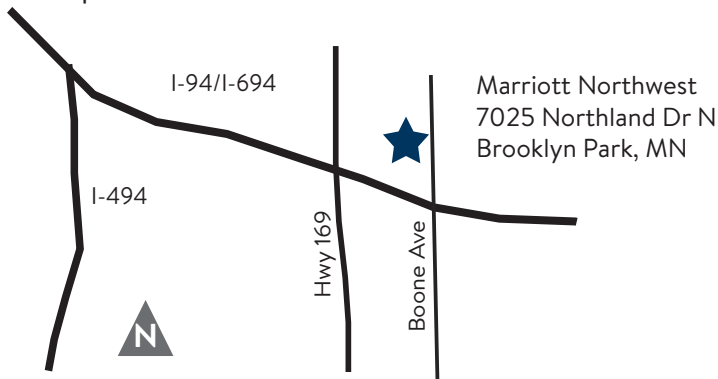
Email _____

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

				Postmark after 9/24/24	Total cost
Attendee: full conference		<input type="checkbox"/> \$585		+\$25	
	Tues	Wed	Thurs		
OR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	+\$25	
Speaker/Developer <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"/> \$585		+\$25	
Exhibitor booth choice	1.	2.	3.		

Lodging

The [Marriott Northwest](#) has reserved a block of rooms at a special conference rate of \$150 until **September 16, 2024**. Call 1-877-303-1681 to make reservations. Mention the MPCA Conference to get the special rate.



Registration questions?

Contact Christi Torgusson at 651-757-2482 or at christi.torgusson@state.mn.us with any questions or dietary needs.

Payment

Tennessee Warning: Some of the information you are being asked to provide on this form (i.e., some of your credit card details) is classified by state law (Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subd. 1a) as private data. You are being asked to provide this information to assist the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in processing your training payment. You are not required to provide any of the requested information. If you provide the requested information, this will assist the agency in processing your payment. If you do not provide this information, the agency may be unable to process your payment. The private information that you provide will be available only to those within the agency and the State whose work assignments reasonably require access to it and to other entities/persons authorized by law or court order.

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City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Cardholder signature _____

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

Check

Check # _____

Amount _____

payable to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Mail with payment to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Fiscal – 6

520 Lafayette Rd. North

St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Fax with payment to 651-797-1385.

OR

Email without payment to:

christi.torgusson@state.mn.us to

receive an invoice and link for the option to pay online.