Session Number	Session Title	Session Description	Date	Start Time	End Time	Total Credits Avail.	Mgmt - Bus - Financial	Tech - Engin
RB-OGS	Onening General Session	General Contact Hours or GCHs are avialable for this session	5/17/2023	8·30 AM		1 5	A	
RB01	Session 01: Impacts of Thermal Processes on PFAS - Updates from Water Research Foundation Projects	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) have dramatically shifted the biosolids management landscape, with one state already passing a ban on land application due to PFAS in biosolids. Utility managers have limited options for dealing with PFAS. As a result, interest in thermal processes has grown as a management option for biosolids. Thus, there is a great research need to understand how thermal processes impact the fate of PFAS, and therefore the Water Research Foundation (WRF) has supported this important research need. This session will highlight findings from three complimentary WRF projects that focus on thermal treatment of PFAS in biosolids.	5/17/2023	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	1.0		1.0
RB02	Session 02:IDoday's Alchemy Miracle: How Hydrothermal Liquefaction turns Sludge into Diesel and Jet Fuel	While many Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) residuals are beneficially reused as biosolids, offsetting chemical fertilizers, sequestering/re-stocking carbon, and improving soil health and drought tolerance, many wastewater solids are still disposed of in landfills or by incineration. The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) has conducted decades of research on hydrothermal liquefaction (HTL) to re-form waste carbon into biological crude oil (Bio-crude) and renewable methane (CH4) as energy products, dating back to early 1990s. Much of this work has been funded by the US Department of Energy (US-DOE) to reduce the country's dependency on foreign oil while lower the carbon intensity of the transportation sector, which accounts for 37.5% of the United States' (US) GHG emissions from fossil fuel combustion or 31.6% of the total net emissions in calendar 2019 (US-EPA, 2021).	5/17/2023	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	1.0		1.0
RB03	Session 03:Digestion Optimization and Troubleshooting	?	5/17/2023	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	1.0		1.0
RB04	Session 04:	?	5/17/2023	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	1.0		1.0
RB05	Session 05: Regulatory and Market Trends in Land Application	?	5/17/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5		2.5
RB06	Session 06:№icroplastics and other Emerging Contaminants		5/17/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5		2.5
RB07	Session 07: Intensifying Digestion		5/17/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5		2.5

RB08	Session 08:Dewatering and Polymer Optimization		5/17/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5	2.5
RB09	Session 09:Biogas		5/18/2023	8:30 AM	11:45 AM	2.5	2.5
RB10	Session 10: PFAS Challenges and Treatment		5/18/2023	8:30 AM	11:45 AM	2.5	2.5
RB11	Session 11:Øircular Water Economy		5/18/2023	8:30 AM	11:45 AM	2.5	2.5
RB12	Session 12: Innovative Processes in Anaerobic Digestion		5/18/2023	8:30 AM	11:45 AM	2.5	2.5
RB13	Session 13: Case Studies		5/18/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5	2.5
RB14	Session 14: Co-Digestion		5/18/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5	2.5
RB15	Session 15:New Research in Anaerobic Digestion		5/18/2023	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	1.5	1.5
RB16	Session 16: Advances and Innovations in Thermal Processes I		5/18/2023	1:30 PM	4:45 PM	2.5	2.5
RB17	Session 17:Regional Biosolids Session: What Do You Need to Know before Solidifying Your Plans?	This session is comprised of two panel discussions to address new and existing biosolid regionalization programs. Panel 1 will include the new programs to highlight the current drivers for regionalization, stakeholder considerations, funding opportunities, regulatory hurdles, legal requirements, private-sector solutions, and end- user perspectives all through the lens of our most recent industry advancements. As a nod to biosolids regionalization programs with 10 or more years under their belt, Panel 2 will include historical context, economic performance, and lessons learned during the life of the program. Each panel will include prepared questions and allow for audience Q&A for a set period of time. Following each panel Q&A, the audience is encouraged to have thoughtful discussions at their roundtables.	5/18/2023	3:45 PM	4:45 PM	1	1
RB18	Session 18: Managing Biosolids in the Carolinas		5/19/2023	8:30 AM	11:15 AM	2.5	2.5
RB19	Session 19: Resource Recovery		5/19/2023	8:30 AM	11:15 AM	2.5	2.5
RB20	Session 20:Øpgrading Biogas to RNG	This Session provides an overview of the processes involved in upgrading of biogas to renewable natural gas standards for pipeline injection and ultimate distribution and sale of renewable identification number (RIN) credits.	5/19/2023	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	1.5	1.5
RB21	Session 21: Advances and Innovations in Thermal Processes II		5/19/2023	8:30 AM	11:15 AM	2.5	2.5
RB22	Session 22: Durning Waste Products into Premium Products		5/19/2023	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	1.0	1.0
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WRKSHP A	Workshop A: Dewatering Optimization: Practical Ways to Improve Performance	The Dewatering Optimization – Practical Ways to Improve Performance workshop will focus on practical solutions to improve dewatering performance including drier cake solids, better solids capture, reduced polymer consumption, and reduced O&M costs for raw sludge, aerobically and anaerobically digested biosolids. This workshop will be of primary interest to plant managers, superintendents, operators and maintenance staff from municipalities. Furthermore, this workshop topic is critical and timely to the industry since municipalities are getting more and more pressure to reduce their budgets or to "do more for less" in addition to addressing the challenges of increasing polymer, solids processing and hauling cost. The first part of the workshop will take place at the convention center, and the second half will take place onsite at a nearby facility for practical examples.	5/16/2023	8:00 AM	4:30 PM	6.0	6

WRKSHP B	Workshop B: Accounting and Mitigating GHG Emissions from Biosolids using BEAM	In light of the findings in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report, which clearly states that climate change caused by human activity is accelerating beyond what was previously estimated with consequences already felt across the world, it is crucial that wastewater utilities seek to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase carbon sequestration. The objective of this workshop is to engage participants in the best practices to move towards that critical goal. This workshop will provide valuable background information about sources and sinks of GHG emissions from solids handling processes and end uses, and will use the results of GHG accounting to determine practical approaches to reduce a utility's climate impact. Participants in this workshop will learn how to determine sources and sinks of GHG emissions from residuals treatment and biosolids management at water resource recovery facilities (WRRFs), understand how to calculate GHG emissions and offsets using BEAM (Biosolids Emissions Assessment Model), and gain insight into the ways to reduce WRRF carbon footprints and how the value of GHG reduction can be used in capital planning and prioritization.	5/16/2023	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	3.0	3
WRKSHP C	Workshop C: Fundamentals of Anaerobic and Aerobic Digestion using Process Simulators	The operator focused workshop will consist of lecture material covering the fundamentals of digestion systems coupled with treatment system model simulations driving home each major concept presented in the lecture. It is proposed that each attendee will have access to a computer loaded with the simulator software. The material will be focused on both aerobic and anaerobic digestion with added ancillary topics such as pre-thickening, sludge pre-conditioning (hydrolysis), variations in sludge feed concentrations and constituents and will also include considerations of solids processing recycles, including recycle pollutant loads. Examples using primary sludge, secondary sludge and outside the fence line wastes (septage, FOG, food waste) will be incorporated into examples and problems. The simulator platform used will be an updated version of SimuWorks, developed by Hatch (formerly Hydromantis). Simuworks is an overlay software platform that runs on the well-established process modeling software, GPS-X. The SimuWorks/GPS-X platform has been used by the workshop presenters to deliver liquid train fundamental wastewater training programs throughout the United States, including at the 2018 and 2019 WEF Nutrient Conferences, 2022 WEFTEC and at events at Pennsylvania, South Carolina, New England, New York and California WEA events. This platform has also served as a major component of the WEFTEC Operations Challenge Process Control Event since 2016. This will be the first time the Biosolids Simulator version of SimuWorks will be used for a full day operations training program.	5/16/2023	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	6.0	6
WRKSHP D	Workshop D: Delving into Digestion: Anaerobic Digestion Process, Design, and Operation	This workshop focuses on anaerobic digestion process, design, and operation. Process fundamentals and more advanced concepts, which build on the fundamentals presented, will be covered in detail by nationally recognized experts with over 100 years of combined industry experience. The target audience includes a range from young professionals that are new to the industry/topic to more senior professionals looking for a refresher, and from operators to engineers to municipal management staff. The workshop will begin with a brief introduction welcoming the attendees followed by a background discussion. The background discussion will provide context to help set the stage for main workshop presentations. The workshop will also include interactive sessions to increase engagement between the attendees and the presenters, and to reinforce topics and concepts presented.	5/16/2023	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	3	3

WRKSHP E	Workshop E: Emerging Contaminants and Pathogens: Recent Global Developments in Science, Treatment Technologies and Regulatory Landscape	This workshop is organized by the IWA - SGSM (International Water Association Sludge Management Specialist Group). The workshop will provide an overview of recent developments on emerging contaminants and pathogens and their implications for biosolids treatment, management, and land application. The emerging contaminants will include PFAS and microplastics, which have become particularly important in recent years. Emerging pathogens will include emerging viruses such as SARS-CoV-2 and other respiratory viruses. The workshop will cover the fate of PFAS, microplastics, and emerging pathogens during treatment processes and after land application. In addition, we will present recent research/testing results from Europe and North America on the removal of PFAS using thermal treatment processes. Furthermore, there will be a presentation to summarize the regulatory developments on biosolids treatment and management from around the world and new proposed/established limits of emerging contaminants for land application of biosolids. The speakers will focus on the "big picture" issues and will benefit industry professionals, practitioners, and scientists. Our goal is to bring the most recent advances and developments in Europe, Australia, North America etc. to the conference attendees. We believe that the workshop will be well received and will be of interest to a wide range of audience.	5/16/2023	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	3	3
FACILITY TOUR	Charlotte Water's McAlpine Creek Water Facility Tour	Join us on a tour of Charlotte Water's McAlpine Creek Water Facility (64MGD). There you will see our 1.0 MW combined heat and power system, our dewatering done by centrifuges, and our Class B land application program. You'll also learn more about our plan and design to implement nutrient harvesting and THP at this location.	5/19/2023	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	3.0	
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TechSpot 1	Technology Spotlight I	Booth tbc@arbon Neutrality Biosolids Drying Achieved in Bottrop. Biosolids Incineration Plant no longer requires supplemental coal. Alexander Kraemer, Thermal Process Systems, Inc. Booth tbc@ptimizing Dewatering Under Changing Sludge Characteristics Scott McKay, SMK Consulting Booth tbc@erformance Optimization for Centrifuge Biosolids Dewatering Sean Tierney, Frazenburg	5/17/2023	12:30 PM	1:20 PM	0.67	
TechSpot 2	Technology Spotlight II	Booth tbc@dvanced dewatering for most conventional to most innovative conditioning Special focus on PXVNeo HydroThermal Carbonisation plant, first HTC on municipal sewage sludge in the US Jean-Francois Mischler, Bucher Unipektin AG Booth tbc@ruck Loading System: the FOIL Robert Christy, RDP Technologies	5/18/2023	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	0.33	
TechSpot 3	Technology Spotlight III	Booth tbcDnderstanding the physio-chemical mechanism for PFAS elimination under supercritical conditions Sudhakar Viswanathan, 374Water Inc. Booth tbcDptimization of Biosolids dewatering with patented P6 PolyMix® feed system using boundary layer - viscous drag pump to homogenously mix and pump to dewatering systems. Stephen Gerber, Gerber Pumps International, Inc. Booth tbcDouble your cake solids in under 1 min Christopher Boyd, Charter Machine Co	5/18/2023	12:30 PM	1:20 PM	0.67	