

AWWA Webinar Program: Legal and Regulatory Issues in the Water Space: An Update As 2021 Comes to a Close
December 10th, 2021

Webcast Description

Overview:

Session 1: Emerging Contaminants: Where are we now? Where are we going?

Session 2: Biden Administration Drinking Water Update

This two-part virtual roundtable dialogue will look at key legal and regulatory issues in the water sector as 2021 comes to a close and various policy and regulatory activities of the Biden Administration begin to take shape and are promulgated. Both 90-minute sessions of this two-part program will feature moderated discussions by panels of experts from the water utility, legal, and regulatory arenas.

The first session of this two-part program will focus on emerging contaminants, with an emphasis on where are we now with these critical issues...and where are we headed. Panelist Chris Moody (AWWA) will discuss developments with emerging contaminants such as PFAS, perchlorate, 1,2,3-trichloropropane, NDMA and other nitrosamines and 1,4-dioxane. Allyn Stern (Beveridge & Diamond) will discuss the legal and regulatory frameworks impacting how water utilities need to address the growing impacts of emerging contaminants on their operations. The second session of this two-part program panelists Eric Burneson (U.S.EPA) and Ryan Carra (Beveridge & Diamond) will focus on new and evolving Biden Administration policies and regulatory actions that are (or will) impact drinking water utilities and the water sector as a whole.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about current and pending legal and regulatory activities surrounding the management of emerging contaminants, and how water utilities can (and are) successfully managing these challenges.
2. Hear how and why drinking water utilities are adapting their operations to meet new and changing CERCLA, TSCA and SDWA regulations.
3. Learn about the prospects for new and/or changing regulations and policies likely to be forthcoming from the Biden Administration that can impact drinking water utility operations and the water sector as a whole.

Presenter Biography Information

Allyn L. Stern, Esq — Of Counsel, Beveridge & Diamond, PC

Allyn Stern is Of Counsel in Beveridge and Diamond's Seattle, WA office. She brings her clients over 30 years of experience at the Environmental Protection Agency, where she developed expertise in the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, RCRA and CERCLA. Her practice focuses on enforcement defense and compliance counseling under these statutes. Get in touch: AStern@bdlaw.com

Chris Moody — Regulatory Technical Manager, AWWA

Chris Moody is the Regulatory Technical Manager for AWWA in the Government Affairs office. He has prior experience with the design and construction of environmental engineering projects; currently, he helps manage a portfolio of drinking water issues related to the Safe Drinking Water Act including contaminants like disinfection byproducts (DBPs) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Ryan J. Carra, Esq — Principal, Beveridge & Diamond, PC

Ryan uses his extensive technical background to counsel clients in the chemicals, products, and energy sectors regarding environmental regulatory issues. Ryan's experience includes:

- Advising clients on Toxic Substances Control Act matters, including implementation of the 2016 reform legislation.
- Advising product manufacturers, retailers, and other clients on waste classification, chemical hazard classification, chemical notification requirements, and product materials restrictions both domestically and abroad.
- Reviewing marketing materials to ensure compliance the Federal Trade Commission's Green Guides.

Eric G. Burneson — Director, Standards and Risk Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Burneson is the Director of the Standards and Risk Management Division in the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. He has been with EPA since 1999 identifying drinking water contaminants of concern and developing drinking water regulations to improve public health. Prior to working for EPA, Mr. Burneson worked for 10 years as a consulting engineer. He also spent two years working for the Republic of Palau's Environmental Quality Protection Board. Eric is a registered Professional Engineer, with a M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Duke University and a B.S. in Environmental and Resource Engineering from the S.U.N.Y College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.