

## Calendar of Events

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September 18, 2024

### **PWEA Leadership Development Conference**

#### **Various Locations**

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST

Melanie Greene,  
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*Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:30AM - 4:00PM*

*Excellent Communication is Critical to Success in Work and Life*

*Welcome to Part 2 of the Leadership Development Conference with Dr. Lucia Murphy!*

*In a 2024 McKinsey survey, communication (or lack thereof) was identified as critical to both individual and organizational success.*

*Is This One-Day Course For Me?  
How TRUE are these statements for you?*

*I often feel like my thoughts and ideas aren't clearly understood.  
I frequently experience misunderstandings in my personal or professional relationships.  
I sometimes hesitate approaching a difficult or sensitive conversation because I'm unsure about the right way to do so.  
I struggle to listen with focused attention and respond effectively during conversations, especially in conflict situations.  
I feel that the way I communicate -- my communication style -- might be blocking my personal or career growth.*

*If one or more of these scenarios sounds familiar, this one-day seminar course is designed specifically for you!*

*What You Will Learn  
At the end of the seminar, you will have*

*A clear appreciation of the power of straightforward, transparent and frequent communication,  
Understanding the impact of great communication on creating trust,  
Practical tools to express your thoughts and ideas with clarity and precision, and  
The confidence to use them immediately.*

*This one-day interactive and engaging course has been designed to help you overcome the hurdles that are delaying your personal or professional growth.*

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

*Communication Excellence: What is It & Why Care*

*Your Verbal & Non-Verbal Communication Styles*

*Preparing for Effective Communication*

*Challenges in Communication*

*Building Trust Through...*

*Multi-Generational Communication*

*Effective Communication in Conflict*

*Candid Conversations in Feedback*

*FAQ & Shared Resources*

*Don't allow poor communication to hold you back any longer! Join us and transform your interactions, enhance your relationships, and watch as opportunities unfold before you.*

*CLICK HERE FOR AGENDA*

*Registration: 7:30AM to 8:00AM*

*Registration will be 30 minutes (Breakfast not included)*

*LOCATIONS(LIVE SIMULCAST)*

*CENTRAL PA LOCATION (Live Location):*

*Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel*

*4650 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111*

*WESTERN PA LOCATION:*

*Pittsburgh Marriott North*

*100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066*

*NORTHEASTERN PA LOCATION:*

*Four Points by Sheraton Allentown Lehigh Valley  
3712 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18103*

*Limited space available. Sign up today!  
On-site registration will not be available.*

*CONFERENCE FEES - Registration deadline is September 11, 2024.  
PWEA Member \* - \$110 (includes lunch)  
Non-Member - \$175 (includes lunch)*

*\* To qualify for the Member Rate, you must be a PWEA member or a WEF member with PWEA selected as your State Association.*

*MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR*

September 26, 2024

## **2024 Pennsylvania Stormwater Summit**

**Valley Forge Casino Resort**

**1160 1st Avenue**

**King of Prussia, PA 19406**

08:30 AM - 03:45 PM EST

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*2024 Pennsylvania Stormwater Summit*

*“Treating Stormwater as a Utility in Pennsylvania”*

*A One-Day Stormwater Conference*

*Hosted by the PWEA Stormwater Committee*

*Thursday, September 26, 2024, 8:30am-3:45pm*

*Valley Forge Casino Resort ~ King of Prussia, PA*

### *Conference Overview*

*Pennsylvania communities are experiencing the perfect storm - more intense rainfall events, yet increasingly limited resources to effectively manage stormwater. This conference is organized by the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association, and the 2024 Stormwater Summit is crafted to deepen the technical knowledge of professionals from around Pennsylvania involved with meeting regional challenges while managing stormwater as a utility and providing an in-person forum where related issues can be discussed. The Summit will include oral presentations, interactive discussions, exhibitors, and opportunities for networking in dynamic settings.*

### *Target Audience*

*The target audience for the Summit includes municipal managers, authority directors, elected officials, public works directors, local government, non-profit and conservation organization representatives, stormwater professionals, planners, and engineers.*

### *Presenters*

*Andrew Anderson, PE*

*Senior Associate, Hazen and Sawyer*

*Tony Igwe*

*Senior Group Manager Stormwater, Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority*

*Jennifer Tavantzis*

*Vice President, Raftelis*

*E. Lee Stinnett II, Esq.*

*Salzmann Hughes, P.C. Law Firm*

*Ed Othmer, PE*

*Vice President, Stantec*

*Adrienne Vicari, PE*

*Practice Area Leader, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.*

*Jeff Colella*

*Stormwater Division Manager, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority*

*Jim Blanch, PE*

*Whitpain Township Engineer*

*Paige Strasko*

*Environmental Administrator, Palmer Township Manager*

### **AGENDA**

8:15am    *Registration – Coffee & Pastries with Vendors*

8:45am    *Welcome*

*– PWEA Stormwater Committee*

9:00am    *A Blueprint for Flood-Resilient Communities: Using Modern Tools to Identify*

*and Prioritize Solutions*

*– A. Anderson*

*9:45am Break & Networking with Vendors*

*10:00am Transforming Stormwater Management and Funding: PWSA's Journey to Establishing an Equitable Stormwater Fee*

*– T. Igwe & J. Tavantzis*

*10:45am Break & Networking with Vendors*

*11:00am Harnessing the Power of 'Us': How Regional Collaboration Answers the Call*

*– A. Vicari & J. Colella*

*11:45pm Lunch & Networking with Vendors*

*12:30pm A New Way of Stormwater Management - Applying Asset Management to Storm Water Programs*

*– E. Othmer*

*1:15pm Break & Networking with Vendors*

*1:30pm Stormwater Programs & Fees in the Post-West Chester World*

*– E.L. Stinnett*

*2:15pm Break & Networking with Vendors*

*2:30pm Stormwater Program's Roundtable Discussion*

*– T. Igwe, J. Colella, J. Blanch, P. Strasko*

*3:30pm Closing & Wrap Up*

*– PWEA Stormwater Committee*

*3:45pm Conference Adjourns*

*The concepts, ideas, procedures, and opinions offered at PWEA educational opportunities are those expressed by the various presenters. PWEA assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in the presentations.*

*Conference Fees*

*PWEA Member\* - \$100 (includes lunch)*

*Non-Member - \$160 (includes lunch)*

*\*To qualify for the Member Rate, you must be a PWEA member or a WEF member with PWEA selected as your State Association.*

*Registration*

*Registration can only be made online. Payment can be made by credit card, or you can register online and then mail a check within 10 business days. The registration deadline is August 29th. On-site registration cannot be accepted.*

*A 3.5% technology fee will be added to all credit card transactions. The credit/debit card name and address information must EXACTLY match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card; otherwise, the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.*

*Cancellation & Substitution Policy*

*Cancellations received in writing 4 weeks prior to the date of the conference will receive a full refund less a \$30 administrative fee. No refunds will be made after that date.*

*Substitutions may be made until the registration deadline and must be made in writing, accompanied by a registration form for the substitute.*

*Continuing Education Credit*

*A total of 6.0 Professional Development Hours (PDH) may be earned by Professional Engineers and other licensed professionals who track PDH credit. A total of 5.0 Continuing Education Credits (CEC) may be earned by those who do not use PDHs. PA DEP contact hours are not available. Transcripts will be emailed to attendees within 30 days of the conference date. Current PWEA members can access their educational transcripts at any time by logging into their member account.*

### *Vendor Displays and Sponsorships*

*We are pleased to offer tabletop exhibit space to provide vendors the opportunity to promote their Stormwater-related products, equipment and services! Various sponsorship opportunities are also available.*

### *Tabletop Display Space*

*A limited number of TABLETOP spaces are available on a first-come basis. Exhibits will be near the same room as the classroom sessions and meals. Times have been set aside in the agenda for attendees to visit the displays and vendors. Vendor tables will be set up along the perimeter of the rooms. Access to electric outlets may or may not be provided depending on location of tables. Tabletop fees are:*

*PWEA Member\* - \$350*

*Non-Member - \$450*

*\*To qualify for the Member fee, at least one person employed by the vendor must be a current PWEA Member or a current WEF Member with PWEA selected as their State Member Association.*

### *Sponsorships*

*The following sponsorships are available:*

*Morning Coffee & Pastries - \$250*

*Lunch Buffet - \$300*

*All Day Beverages - \$200*

*Signs with your company logo will be displayed near the food and beverage tables.*

*General Summit Sponsorship - \$150*

*All sponsors will be recognized as part of the opening remarks*

### *Registration for Tabletop Space or Sponsorships*

*Registration for a tabletop and/or sponsorship can only be made online. The registration deadline is August 29th. Payment can be made by credit card or a check can be mailed to arrive within 10 business days of online registration.*

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### *Important Times for Vendors*

*Following are times set aside on the agenda for attendees to visit with the vendors.*

*8:15-8:45am Registration - Coffee & Pastries with Vendors*

*9:45-10:00am Break & Networking with Vendors*

*10:45-11:00am Break & Networking with Vendors*

*11:45-12:30pm Lunch & Networking with Vendors*

*1:15-1:30pm Break & Networking with Vendors*

*2:15-2:30pm Break & Networking with Vendors*

*3:45pm Conference Adjourns*

*Displays should be set up by 8:15am on the day of the conference. Displays should be dismantled immediately following the conclusion of the conference.*

### *Location*

*Valley Forge Casino Resort*

*1160 First Avenue*

*King of Prussia, PA 19406*

### *Overnight Accommodations*

*Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of each individual. PWEA does not have room blocks in any area hotels.*

*Directions to the Conference Location*

*The location can be found by entering the street address in your GPS device, or by going to an online mapping website.*

*Conference Registration*

*One complimentary registration is included with the exhibit fee. Any additional representatives must register as an attendee at the regular rates.*

*Questions?*

*Contact Melanie Greene at [melaniegreene@pwea.org](mailto:melaniegreene@pwea.org)*

October 23, 2024

**2024 Effective Utility Management Workshop ~Rescheduled~**  
**Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel**  
**4650 Lindle Rd**  
**Harrisburg, PA**  
09:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST  
Melanie Greene,  
melaniegreene@pwea.org  
*2024 Effective Utility Management Workshop*  
*“Your Path to Sustainability”*  
*Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm*  
*Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel - Harrisburg, PA*

#### *Conference Overview*

*This workshop will help utilities address a full range of challenges and move toward sustainable management of their operations and infrastructure.*

*Conduct the EUM Self-Assessment the results from which participants can use to spark and support further dialog within their utility about areas for potential improvement and further use of the EUM framework.*

*Equip participants to create an internal team and utilize the EUM framework to access utility conditions and create a plan for improving.*

*Create an opportunity to learn from the utility peers about their challenges, successes, and plans for improving in the future.*

*Utilities will learn how to make improvements in the Ten Attributes and Five Keys to Management Success, at a pace consistent with their most pressing challenges.*

#### *Target Audience*

*While the workshop contains content that is applicable to most utility employees, the main group that these workshops are geared towards are individuals with management responsibilities, including planning, who will be well poised to take their action plans generated from the workshop and implement those actions at their utility. Utilities are encouraged to send multiple members from different divisions within organizations to the Workshop to increase the understanding of EUM at the utility.*

#### *Agenda*

*Introductions & Workshop Objectives*  
*Improving Outcomes - Practices & Measures*  
*Overview of Effective Utility Management*  
*Developing an Action Plan*  
*Utility "Self-Assessment" Exercise*  
*Next Steps*  
*Effective Utility Management in Action*  
*Feedback Session*

*For a complete look at session details, please take a look at our workshop agenda template. For more information on how this workshop can be marketed and testimonials from attendees, please view the EUM Workshop Flyer.*



### *Registration*

*Member Pricing is \$130*

*Non-Member Pricing is \$150*

*Registration can only be made online. Payment can be made by credit card, or you can register online and then mail a check within 10 business days. The registration deadline is September 9th. On-site registration cannot be accepted.*

*A 3.5% technology fee will be added to all credit card transactions. The credit/debit card name and address information must EXACTLY match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card; otherwise, the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.*

### *Cancelation & Substitution Policy*

*Cancelations received in writing 4 weeks prior to the date of the conference will receive a full refund less a \$30 administrative fee. No refunds will be made after that date.*

*Substitutions may be made until the registration deadline and must be made in writing, accompanied by a registration form for the substitute.*

### *Continuing Education Credit*

*This workshop will have DEP Credit Hours.*

### *Overnight Accommodations*

*Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of each individual. PWEA does not have room blocks in any area hotels.*

### *Directions to the Conference Location*

*The location can be found by entering the street address in your GPS device, or by going to an online mapping website.*

### *Questions?*

*Contact Melanie Greene at [melaniegreene@pwea.org](mailto:melaniegreene@pwea.org)*

October 30, 2024

**Save the Date: 2024 PA-AWWA & PWEA Joint Technical Conference**

**Penn Harris Conference Center**

**1150 Camp Hill Bypass**

**Camp Hill, PA 17011**

08:00 AM - 04:30 PM EST

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*One Water: PFAS – Past, Present, & Future*

*October 30, 2024*

*Penn Harris Conference Center, Camp Hill, PA*

*Join us for an insightful and engaging conference as the Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA) and the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) come together for their 2024 Joint Conference!*

*This year's theme, "One Water: PFAS – Past, Present, & Future," will focus on the critical and timely issue of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).*

*Event Highlights:*

*Expert Speakers: Hear from leading experts in the field of water quality and PFAS research.*

*Educational Sessions: Attend in-depth sessions covering the historical context, current challenges, and future solutions for managing PFAS in our water systems.*

*Networking Opportunities: Connect with professionals from across the water industry, share ideas, and build valuable relationships.*

*Exhibitor Showcase: Discover the latest technologies and services that can help address PFAS challenges.*

*Venue:*

*Penn Harris Conference Center*

*1150 Camp Hill Bypass*

*Camp Hill, PA 17011*

*Stay Tuned*

*More details, including registration information and the full conference agenda, will be announced soon. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this important event!*

*Please visit the website [www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org) for the most up-to-date information.*

*We look forward to seeing you in October!*

*Contact Us*

*For any inquiries, please contact us at:*

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*[pwea@pwea.org](mailto:pwea@pwea.org)*

November 7, 2024

## **2024 DEP Operator Certification Exams**

### **Various Locations**

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

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*The Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) is offering PA DEP Operator Certification Exams on different dates and locations in 2024. You may register for more than one exam date, but you should allow at least 30 days between paper-based exam dates so DEP has time to grade exams and send pass/fail notifications by email ONLY.*

*Questions about certification exams should be directed to: pwea@pwea.org*

*Reserving your exam seat(s) can only be done online through PWEA's online registration system. Payment for exams is by credit/debit card only.*

*Before registering, please download and review the DEP informational document titled "Important Information for Operators Taking 2023 Certification Exams" (PDF).*

### **REGISTRATION IS A TWO-PART PROCESS**

*1. Complete your online registration and pay the registration fee (credit/debit cards only) in order to reserve your seat. After completing the registration and payment process, you will receive a system-generated email confirming your reserved seat at the exam location you selected.*

*2. You then need to complete and return to PWEA the PA DEP Test Selection Form within 10 work days - a link to this form will be included in your exam seat confirmation email. The Test Selection Form advises the DEP of your facility class and which drinking water or wastewater tests you want to take, so they can be loaded onto a computer for you or packaged for your written exam. Please do not delete any content from the DEP Test Selection Form prior to submitting to PWEA. Your completed DEP Test Selection Form must include your hand-written signature. **DO NOT TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR TEST SELECTION FORM WITH YOUR SMART PHONE;** the images arrive blurry, are too dark, are crooked, or are too small when printed and the DEP will reject your form.*

*Completed DEP Test Selection Forms must be returned by email to pwea@pwea.org OR faxed to 717-303-5219 within 10 days of your online registration and payment.*

*PWEA will use your completed PA DEP Test Selection Form to prepare a detailed certification exam confirmation letter; it will be emailed to you at the email address you provide - be sure to check your Spam and Junk folders and to save the email with attachment for future reference. Please ensure you mark pwea@pwea.org as a safe sender in your address book to prevent the confirmation letter from going to the Spam or Junk folder. Your confirmation letter will include information you need to know prior to showing up at the exam site.*

*- Examinees taking computer-based exams at the DEP Regional Offices, receive immediate test results at end of exam.*

*- Examinees taking paper-based tests will receive results via email only; allow 30 days to receive your test results before contacting the PA DEP.*

**2024 Exam Date:**

**Computer-Based Exam April 8th**

**Registration cutoff is March 7th.**

*Computer-Based Exam April 16th*

*Registration cutoff March 15th.*

*Written Exam May 9th*

*Registration cutoff April 8th.*

*Computer-Based June 4th*

*Registration cutoff May 3rd.*

*Computer-Based June 20th*

*Registration cutoff May 19th.*

*Computer-Based August 7th*

*Registration cutoff July 6th.*

*Computer-Based August 20th*

*Registration cutoff July 19th.*

*Computer-Based October 8th*

*Registration cutoff September 7th.*

*Written Exam November 6th*

*Registration cutoff October 5th.*

*Exam registration fees are:*

*\$75 for PWEA Members*

*\$125 for Non-Members*

*All credit/debit card transactions will include a 3.5% technology fee.*

*The name and address information for the credit/debit card you use to make an online payment must EXACTLY match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card or else the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.*

*Cancellation Policy: No refund will be offered after the detailed confirmation letter has been processed and sent to you, unless there is someone on a wait list for the same exam date.*

*Questions about certification exams should be directed to: [pwea@pwea.org](mailto:pwea@pwea.org).*