



Midwest Biosolids Association Third Annual Conference

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Central Standard Time)

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Harley-Davidson Museum

400 W. Canal St., Milwaukee, WI 53203

<https://mwbiosolids.org/>

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Welcome to a tremendous event for engaging and sharing knowledge for improving management of biosolids. Hear from utilities, land appliers, consultants, and research institutions on their collective efforts for successful projects and programs for sustainable biosolids management. Each Utility member must purchase one full registration (which includes Monday Reception/Movie and Tuesday Sessions in order to be able to purchase additional tickets for additional staff. Early bird pricing (through May 16) is \$250/full registration with each additional staff registered at \$100/person. After May 16 price for full registration is \$275 and \$125 for each additional staff. Events include:

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- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (No charge/Ticket required) - Wednesday, June 10 (8:30 - 11:30 AM CST)

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Agenda

June 8 5:30 PM	<p>RECEPTION SPONSORS</p>  <p>TRANSPORTATION • TREATMENT • RECYCLING</p> 
SESSION 1	
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8:00 AM	<p><i>Welcome to the Conference</i> John Norton, PhD, PE, Great Lakes Water Authority, Detroit, Michigan</p>
8:07 AM	<p><i>Midwest Biosolids Association Welcome (State of the Association)</i> Dr. Albert Cox, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Mohammed Haque, Midwest Biosolids Association</p>
8:15 AM	<p><i>Welcome to the Renaissance of Milwaukee's Watersheds</i> Kevin Shafer, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District</p>
8:25 AM	<p><i>Understanding and Managing Potential Liability for PFAS in Biosolids</i> Dave Strifling, Marquette University</p>
8:50 AM	<p><i>Federal Update on Biosolids and Other Clean Water Priorities"</i> Emily J. Rimmel, NACWA</p>
9:15 AM	<p><i>Research to Stay Connected, Curious, and Ahead of the Game</i> Patrick McNamara, Marquette University</p>
9:40 AM	
SESSION 2	
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10:10 AM	<p><i>Biosolids Risk Assessment</i> Drew McAvoy, UC</p>

10:35 AM	<p><i>PFAS PathFinder: Know Your Inputs, Control Your Residuals</i> Mohamed Ateia Ibrahim, AECOM</p>
11:00 AM	<p><i>Wastewater Solids Incineration Abroad-What Can We Learn from Other Countries?</i> Lloyd Winchell, Brown and Caldwell</p>
11:25 AM	<p><i>Removing Fine Grit from Primary Sludge Under Wet-Weather Conditions: A Utility-Technology Pilot at GLWA</i> William Selten, CCI Bioenergy</p>
<p>LUNCH SPONSOR</p> 	
<p>AWARDS SPONSOR</p>  <p>Conference will be proudly recognizing individuals for outstanding achievements for the following awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy & Community Advocacy Award • Collaboration Excellence Award • Research & Innovation Award • Outstanding Service & Contribution Award 	
<p>KEYNOTE SPONSOR</p>  <p>Andrew R. Pfluger, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE, ENV SP, Carollo Engineering</p>	
SESSION 3	
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12:45 PM	<i>Regulatory Forum -</i> Michigan EGLE/IN Dept. of Environmental Mgmt./Ohio EPA/MPCA Sarah Campbell, MI Dept. of Environmental, Great Lakes & Energy Brenda Stephanoff, IN Dept. of Environmental Management Betsy Sheerin, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Nate Willis, WI Dept. of Natural Resources
1:35 PM	<i>Celebrating 100 Years of Milorganite®: A Brief History and Look to the Future</i> Matt Magruder/Jaime Staufenbiel, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
2:00 PM	<i>WRF Solids Management Projects: Ongoing and Upcoming Research</i> Maitreyi Nagarkar, Water Research Foundation
2:25 PM	<i>Reconfiguring Anaerobic Digestion for Cost, Risk, and Regulatory Resilience</i> Mohammed Abu-Orf, Hazen and Sawyer
2:50 PM	
SESSION 4	

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3:20 PM	<i>Student Poster Award</i> Patrick McNamara, Marquette University Linda Lee, Purdue University
3:40 PM	<i>Students</i> <i>Tracking PFAS in Soil and Plants Following Short and Long-Term Biosolids Land Application</i> Xucheng Hu, PhD, Graduate Research Associate, The Ohio State University
3:50 PM	<i>Biosolids Drying Reduces PFAS Concentrations in Solids, reveals PFAS in Condensate</i> Jessie Calteux, Marquette University
4:00 PM	<i>Machine Learning Insights into Methane Inhibition Caused by Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs) in Anaerobic Digestion</i> Zihao Lu, Marquette University
4:10 PM	<i>GHGs and RNG: Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Fond Du Lac WTRRF's Biogas to RNG Project</i> Tyler Dougherty, Carollo Engineering
4:35 PM	<i>Multiple Benefits of Thermal Oxidizers at Wastewater Treatment Plants</i> Kati Bell, Hazen and Sawyer

Conference Benefits

Conference attendees will gain:

- Insights on biosolids management techniques from utilities facing similar incentives and pressures.
- A new (or strengthened!) network to continue championing biosolids beneficial reuse in the Midwest.
- Enhanced understanding of the current research supporting biosolids management and operations.
- The opportunity to provide feedback and guide the growth of our new biosolids association.

Attendees will receive certificates verifying 8-hour PDHs, suitable for licensing requirements (depending on state requirements).

Registration and Sponsorship Opportunities

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[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Premier Sponsor (\$5,000) Includes **Largest Logo Placement** on all materials (website, signage, badges), **Premium exhibit booth** (largest size, best location), **Full-page ad** in program guide, **Branded conference item** (lanyard, badges, notebooks, tote bags, etc. (first-come, first-served basis), **4 complimentary registrations**, **First choice to sponsor a signature event** (opening reception, awards gala, break)

General conference sponsorship opportunities:

- **Brown level (\$2,500) Large Logo Placement** on all materials (website, signage, badges), **Premium exhibit booth** (second largest tier), **Half-page ad** in program guide, **Branded conference item** (notebooks, tote bags, etc. (first-come, first-served basis), **3 complimentary registrations**, **Logo included in event emails & social media**, **Option to sponsor a signature event** (opening reception, awards gala, break)
- **Yellow level (\$1,750)** includes **Medium-sized logo**, **exhibit booth**, **Quarter-page ad**, **Opportunity to include swag** in conference bags, **2 complimentary registrations**, **Acknowledgement during general session**
- **Blue level (\$1,000)** includes **Logo on website and program**, **Social media acknowledgement**, **1 complimentary registration**, **Name listed on sponsor slide during general session.**

Optional Opportunities and Site Tours

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Hotel and Parking

- MBA has group rate set at \$199/night for the [Hilton Milwaukee Hotel](#), group rate set at \$140/night for both [Potawatomi Casino Hotel](#) and the [Marc Hotel](#) (**Host Hotel**) Cutoff date for room rate is Monday, May 18, 2026.
- Parking is free at the Harley-Davidson Museum.