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Lake Michigan States Section

2023 ANNUAL WASTE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Union League Club of Chicago

We're pleased to be back ***in person*** for the Midwest's premier one-day Annual Waste Conference on May 24th, 2023, organized by the Lake Michigan States Section of the Air & Waste Management Association! Waste regulation, compliance, and litigation continue to dramatically change and evolve, so don't be left behind on the industry's latest trends and updates. This year's conference will focus on emerging contaminant (PFAS) litigation and treatment technologies, environmental justice, crisis management for catastrophic releases, and much more! Breakfast and Luncheon Keynote sessions, lots of networking opportunities, exhibitors and our after-conference reception will round out this not-to-miss event. Register today!

Check out our website at: www.LMAWMA.org for conference updates.

New this year! A Young Professional/Student Buddy Program. Young Professional and Student attendees will have the option to be paired up with a Seasoned Professional for the 2023 Annual Waste Conference. Our Seasoned Professionals will help Young Professionals and Student attendees maximize the Conference by facilitating introductions to others and taking advantage of the great networking opportunities. Bonus! A free networking seminar will be held on ***May 16, 2023***, leaving you with the tools that you need for the Waste Conference.

Attendees of the conference are eligible to receive ***Continuing Legal Education (CLE)*** credit and/or a ***Professional Development Hours (PDH)*** certificate.
Please indicate choice during registration.

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7:30 a.m. CHECK-IN, BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING

8:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Lawrence Falbe, Principal, Miller Canfield
A&WMA – Lake Michigan States Section Chair

Suzanne Bonola, Senior Project Scientist, Weaver Consultants Group
Conference Co-Chair

8:15 a.m. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Waste Related Hot Topics and Priorities from USEPA Region 5.

Introduction: **Francis X. Lyons**, Partner, ArentFox Schiff

Speaker: **Ed Nam**, Director, Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division
USEPA, Region 5

9:00 a.m. SESSION I – PFAS SHIFTING LEGAL PARADIGMS: LITIGATION, REGULATIONS, AND MORE

Even though PFAS is still called an “emerging contaminant,” it took no time at all for PFAS waste issues to wind up in court. This session will discuss past, present and possible future PFAS legal claims, consider how such litigation can drive regulation and compliance, and explore the role of the environmental professional in such cases.

Moderator: **Lawrence Falbe**, Principal, Miller Canfield

Speakers: **Philip Comella**, Partner, Taft Law
Steve Siros, Partner, Jenner & Block
Susan Brice, Partner, Nijman Franzetti

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. SESSION II – FROM THE HEADLINES: CRISIS MANAGEMENT FOR CATASTROPHIC RELEASES

When a catastrophic fire or transportation accident triggers the release of hazardous substances, how will your company or client respond? What precautions can prevent an incident from occurring? Who do you call first when an emergency occurs? Hear our panel of experts discuss recent real-world examples of practices that led to emergency incidents, safety planning and procedures to prevent accidents, and practical tips for responding should disaster strike.

Moderator: **Matthew Walker**, Associate, Lathrop GPM LLP

Speakers: **Matthew Thompson**, Manager Hazardous Materials, Union Pacific Railroad
Paul Ruesch, Superfund and Emergency Management Div., USEPA Region 5
Lauren Hirschel, Superfund and Emergency Management Div., USEPA Region 5
Chad Tameling, Executive Vice President, SET Environmental, Inc.

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12:00 a.m. LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

KENT COUNTY'S SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PARK

Kent County Michigan's sustainable business park (<https://www.reimagnettrash.org/>) has a goal of diverting 90% of collected refuse from their landfill to businesses in the park that are able to find a beneficial and profitable reuse for the material.

Moderator: **Jeffrey Dutton**, Regional Account Manager – Central USA, Eco-Rental Solutions

Speakers: **Darwin (Dar) Baas**, Director, Kent County Michigan Public Works

1:30 p.m. SESSION III – AROUND THE GREAT LAKES STATES

STATE REGULATORY UPDATES ON EJ

How are states in the Great Lakes region addressing environmental justice? Our panelists share insights on challenges and progress at the state level to implementing environmental justice initiatives.

Moderator: **Nick Johnson**, Sr. Counsel, Foley & Lardner LLP

Speakers: **Kyle Rominger**, Chief, Bureau of Land, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Tracy Barnes, Senior Environmental Mgr., Indiana Dept of Environmental Management
Regina Strong, Office of Environmental Justice Public Advocate, Michigan EGLE
Mimi Johnson, Policy Director, Office of Emerging Contaminants, Wisconsin DNR

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. SESSION IV – ADVANCES IN PFAS TREATMENT & INVESTIGATION

PFAS were designed to be resistant to biological, chemical, and thermal destruction. Their unique chemical properties mean they move through the environment in ways that differ from the other contaminants, and their resistant properties make them difficult to treat. This session will discuss laboratory methods and techniques including fingerprinting, unique and challenging aspects of tracking PFAS in the environment, and summarize what is known and under development for PFAS treatment.

Moderator: **David Lutz**, Sr. Manager, Environmental Programs, United Airlines

Speakers: **Dave Hunter**, Technical Director, Partner Engineering and Science
Charles Neslund, Scientific Officer, Eurofins Environment Testing
Mark Westra, Principal, GZA GeoEnvironmental

4:30 p.m. CONFERENCE CLOSING

Matthew Walker, Lathrop GPM LLP
Conference Co-Chair

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REGISTRATION:

	Early Bird (before 5/3/23)	General (after 5/4/23)
☐ Members	\$415	\$495
☐ Non-Members*	\$495	\$575
☐ Government Employee	\$275	\$355
☐ Young Professionals (35 years old or younger)	\$220	\$300
☐ Students	\$35	\$50
☐ Printed Handbook	\$50	\$50
☐ Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Certificate	\$25	\$25
☐ Networking Reception Only (non-conference attendee)	\$50	\$75

☐ **Donation to Stephen Rothblatt Scholarship Fund** \$ _____
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**Have multiple employees from the same company that want to attend?
Contact Robin Pelsis at 847-202-0418 to register and receive a 30% discount
after the first registration.**

A limited number of scholarships are available for anyone who requires CLE credit to maintain professional registration such as attorneys, professional engineers and professional geologists and who could not otherwise afford to attend this conference. There are also a limited number of government and student scholarships. Contact Robin Pelsis at (847) 202-0418 or robin.pelsis@lmawma.org for more details on any of the scholarships.

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Cancellations will be accepted until May 15, 2023. Substitutions may be made at any time. After May 15th, we will no longer be able to issue any refund, but the conference proceedings will be provided.

To register - mail or e-mail your registration to the address below. Online registration is also available at www.LMAWMA.org

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