



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION
Lake Michigan States Section



Tuesday, June 3, 2025
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Rosemont Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Lake Michigan States Section of the Air & Waste Management Association invites you to join us at our Annual Waste Conference! Learn from the industry leaders and regulators on the critical issues facing the waste industry. This year's conference will focus on the latest in microplastics/plastics management and impacts to the Great Lakes; what's new with PFAS; State regulatory updates, CCR updates, managing challenging waste streams; 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!

Attendees of the conference are eligible to receive **Continuing Legal Education (CLE)** credit and/or a **Professional Development Hours (PDH)** certificate.
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2025 ANNUAL WASTE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

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

8:15 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Daniel L. Robertson, Associate, Jenner & Block / A&WMA–LMSS 2025 Chair

Suzanne Bonola, Sr. Project Scientist, Weaver Consulting Group / Conference Co-Chair

8:25 a.m. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – GENERATIONAL GROWTH

How IEPA is transitioning to new technology, a new type of engagement with regulated entities, and a new generation of staff

Introduction: **Kelly Thompson**, Executive Director
Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group

Speaker: **James Jennings**, Acting Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

9:00 a.m. SESSION I - PLASTIC WASTE: FROM GLOBAL ISSUE TO THE GREAT LAKES

Global plastic production has grown exponentially since commercial production of these materials began in the 1950s. Concerns continue to grow about how these materials are managed as post-consumer waste. This panel will provide an overview of plastic waste-related issues, including an introduction to microplastics, research in the Great Lakes region to evaluate supply chains and recycling for multi-layer films, and an industry perspective on cutting edge advanced recycling and operational hurdles.

Moderator: **Ann Zwick**, Counsel, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP

Speakers: **Matt Tymchak**, Principal Scientist
Gradient

Matt Naud, Senior Consultant
Resource Recycling Systems, Inc.

Mark Worden, General Counsel
Freepoint Eco-Systems, LLC

Styliana Avraamidou, Assistant Professor
University of Wisconsin-Madison

10:30 a.m. BREAK

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10:45 a.m. SESSION II – WHAT’S NEW WITH PFAS

The ever-evolving world of PFAS isn't immune to the changes brought on by a new federal administration. From shifting regulatory approaches – including the once-again heightened importance of state regulators – to new impacts to industry and advances in the analytical space, this panel discussion is able to offer a broad perspective on what is new and evolving in the realm of PFAS regulation, assessment, remediation and litigation.

Moderator: **Jeff Dutton**, Sales Director for North Central, Eurofins

Speakers: **Chuck Neslund**, Scientific Officer
Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories Environmental

David Lutz, Senior Manager, Environmental Programs
United Airlines

Michelle Gibson, Board Member
Illinois Pollution Control Board

Philip L. Comella, Partner
Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP

12:00 p.m. LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Land Application of Biosolids: Managing Practices, Regulatory Requirements and Public Perception Challenges

Introduction: **Sarah Langeliers**, Director – Environmental; Keurig Dr Pepper

Speaker: **Dr. Albert Cox**, Environmental Monitoring & Research Manager
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

1:30 p.m. SESSION III – REGULATORY PANEL

This roundtable discussion will dive into the waste challenges and key state initiatives shaping the Great Lakes region. Stay informed with the latest state regulatory updates!

Moderator: **Audrey Avila**, Counsel, Thompson Hine LLP

Speakers: **Kyle Rominger**, Chief, Bureau of Land
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Brian Wolff, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Land Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Phil Roycraft, acting Assistant Division Director, Materials Management Division
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

2:45 p.m. BREAK

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3:00 p.m. SESSION IV – CCR UPDATES

Coal combustion residuals (CCRs) are regulated under both state and federal guidelines. Our first speaker, Ms. Kristen Gale, Partner with Nijman Franzetti, will update us on the Illinois CCR regulations, while Mr. John Ward, a national subject matter expert from the American Coal Ash Association, will provide background on CCRs and an update on the federal regulations.

Moderator: **Dean Jones**, Principal, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Speakers: **Kristen Gale**, Partner
Nijman Franzetti

John Ward, Chairman Government Relations Committee
American Coal Ash Association

4:30 p.m. CONFERENCE CLOSING

David Lutz, Senior Manager, Environmental Programs, United Airlines
Conference Co-Chair

4:45 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION

Join fellow conference attendees for a closing networking reception.

Thank you to the current Exhibitors and Sponsors!

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 Contact Robin Pelsis at 847-202-0418 to register and receive a 20% 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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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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