



Session 614: Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program Vision

WEFTEC 2014, Wednesday, October 1st, 2014

Room 236, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Session Description:

State and EPA staff will present the CWA 303(d) Program Vision and examples of ways that State programs are implementing program responsibilities consistent with the Vision. Partners will share their thoughts on how the potential changes in implementing the CWA 303(d) Program responsibilities in line with the Vision might affect the way they operate. The discussion will focus on methods for overcoming challenges and improving coordination.

Audience: State Environmental Programs, Municipalities, Utilities, TMDL Professionals/Modelers, EPA HQ and Regions

Goals of the Session:

- Facilitate an open discussion with State counterparts about how their CWA 303(d) programs might evolve in the coming years consistent with the new Vision.
- Identify potential opportunities for partners to engage with States in implementing their CWA Section 303(d) Program responsibilities consistent with the Vision.

Key Questions:

- What are some of the changes that States anticipate as they implement their programs consistent with the CWA Section 303(d) Program Vision?
- What opportunities are there for partners to engage in the CWA 303(d) Program to achieve the Vision?
- With which changes to the CWA 303(d) Program would partners be most interested in participating? Why?
- How could States and utilities work best together on these issues going forward?

Agenda:

1:30 – 2:00 -

Overview and Implications of the New CWA 303(d) Program Vision

- Tom Stiles, Kansas DHE
- Benita Best-Wong, USEPA (Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds)
- Deborah Nagle, USEPA (Director, EPA Water Permits Division)

2:00 – 3:00 -

**State Approaches to Implementing the CWA 303(d) Program
Consistent with the Vision**

Moderator: Linda Blankenship, WEF Government Affairs Committee
Regulatory Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Julie Espy, Florida DEP
- Trinka Mount, Ohio EPA
- Liz McKercher, Virginia DEQ

Discussion Question: What opportunities are there for partners to engage in the CWA 303(d) Program to achieve the Vision?

3:00 – 3:30 -

Coffee Break

3:30 – 4:30 -

Next Steps

Discussion Facilitator: Adam Schempp, Environmental Law Institute

Discussion Question 1: With which changes to the CWA 303(d) Program would partners be most interested in participating? Why?

Discussion Question 2: How could States and partners work best together on these issues going forward?