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New Challenges Facing Public Water Suppliers

A Water Resources Forum Cohosted by

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
&
Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP

Venue: Wildman Harrold
225 West Wacker Drive, 30th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

8:45 a.m. Welcome/Introductions – Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director, CMAP, and Wildman Harrold (WH)

8:55 Opening Keynote Address: Water issues are a fundamental concern for our communities. It will take creative and cooperative efforts between various government agencies to protect public health in an efficient and cost effective manner. Lisa Madigan, Attorney General, State of Illinois - *invited*

9:10 Overview of Water Resource Challenges Confronting Illinois Communities – T. Loftus, CMAP

9:25 Panel Discussion #1: Challenges arising from new laws applicable to public water suppliers. Moderated by Joe Madonia, Wildman Harrold

a. New "right-to-know" laws, their relationship to existing federal regulations, and implications for public water suppliers – Rick Cobb, Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water

b. Municipal Perspectives: Compliance with new laws – Eric Lecuyer, Director of Public Works, City of Crystal Lake; Mayor Tom Weisner, City of Aurora - *invited*

c. Technical Perspectives: Potential costs and technical feasibility issues arising from new laws – Dan Caplice, K+ Environmental Engineering

d. Panel Discussion / Questions from audience

10: 35 **BREAK – 10 minutes**

10:45 Panel Discussion #2: Other Approaches and Potential Solutions. Moderated by Henry Henderson, Director, Midwest Program, Natural Resources Defense Council

a. A New Approach to Protecting Drinking Water and Public Health - Heather Shoven, US EPA, Region 5

b. How to Minimize and Manage the Risks of Lawsuits from Water Consumers – Wildman Harrold

c. Economic and Legislative Solutions –

   i. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and other financing options for water supply remediation/improvements. Lou Vitullo, Wildman Harrold

   ii. Protecting municipalities from lawsuits: Is there a legislative solution for water that meets state and federal safety standards? Wildman Harrold

d. Panel Discussion / Questions from the audience

12:05 p.m. Closing Comments. Doug Scott, Director, Illinois EPA