

# **2022 Joint PWEA/PA-AWWA/ PMAA PFAS Specialty Conference**

**November 10, 2022**

**Penn Harris Hotel & Conference Center – Camp Hill, PA**

## **Instructions for Submitting an Abstract**

PFAS continues to be a challenge for municipalities and water authorities in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA), the Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA), and the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) recognize the important role of cooperation in today's regulatory and economic environment to **meet water quality goals better, cheaper, and faster** and are soliciting abstracts to share your successes. Earlier this year Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) approved a 100% grant funding program designed specifically to assist communities in the remediation of PFAS and elimination of PFAS in water sources and systems. Additionally, last month EPA invited states and territories to apply for \$1 billion – the first of \$5 billion funding – to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants in drinking water, specifically in small or disadvantaged communities. To reach our target audience for the Specialty Conference, **abstracts are being requested by Friday, September 2, 2022** in the following PFAS categories:

- **Challenges**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Funding**

There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual, company, organization, or institution. However, in order to provide a valuable educational experience for attendees, the Abstract Selection Committee will work to limit the number of presentations by a single company or organization. Membership in any of the sponsoring organizations is not a requirement to present.

Speakers are responsible for all of their own transportation, lodging and travel related expenses. Complimentary registration will be offered to one presenter for each session.

Remember to submit the speaker bio and abstract along with the Abstract Submittal Form. Abstracts should be a maximum of 200 words. Up to three additional pages of supporting tables and graphics may be included. Abstracts that fail to meet the minimum requirements will be given consideration after other submissions. Abstracts must clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings, and significance of the investigation, study, or topic.

**Abstracts will be accepted only by email and in WORD format. Send completed abstract submission to: [cindyrock@pwea.org](mailto:cindyrock@pwea.org). Abstract submission deadline is Friday, September 2, 2022.** The Primary Presenter indicated on the Abstract Submittal Form will be **notified of acceptance or rejection by Friday, September 16, 2022.**

**If your submission is selected, you must send an electronic file of the presentation to [cindyrock@pwea.org](mailto:cindyrock@pwea.org) no later than Friday, October 21, 2022.**

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. **Significance, Relevance, and Transferability:** Define the ideas, concepts or lessons learned that are transferable and usable at other facilities, communities, and situations. Actual benefits and applications should be reported and quantified wherever possible. Describe time saved or how effectiveness was increased. Is system management or operations more efficient or effective? What groups can benefit from your idea or concept most?
2. **Originality and Creativity:** The topic should present breakthrough ideas and methods, new concepts, novel applications of concepts, original ideas, new twists, hot topics, or application of fundamental techniques to today's problems.
3. **Audience Range:** Define your target audience for your presentation. Who will gain the most from the concepts and experience you are presenting?
4. **Technical Content:** The objectives and scope of the project should be stated. The conditions under which the data were obtained and the general procedures/methodology used should be presented. The abstract should address the consequences of the issue or project presented. The consequences, both intended and unintended, could include environmental, economic, and social impacts.
5. **Quality of Abstract:** Authors should prepare clear, concise abstracts that follow the requirements. The quality and content of the abstract are considered indicative of the final technical presentation.
6. **Real Life Experience:** The abstract should establish that the project or case study is well-developed and should present data or results to support the hypothesis or principle being demonstrated. Data should have been subjected, at a minimum, to preliminary analysis. Abstracts showing concrete results with practical applications are more likely to be accepted.

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**Abstract Submittal Form**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, September 2, 2022**

A completed copy of this form must be the title page of your submission.

All requested information is required to be submitted in Word format.

Email to: [cindyrock@pwea.org](mailto:cindyrock@pwea.org)

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Length of Presentation (in minutes): 30

Name of Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Co-authors (if different from Speaker): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Author's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summarize your presentation in 50 words or less.**

*Should your presentation be selected, this description will be published in the Registration Brochure.*

Speaker's Bio: **Must be included as an attachment.**

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**Highlight / Abstract (200 words or less)**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary: