

INFORMATION

THE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE OFFERS 12 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALL OPERATOR LICENSES, AS WELL AS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS.

ATTENDEES WILL GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE LATEST IN TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCTS, AND PROCEDURES SHAPING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER INDUSTRY.

WHILE THERE ARE NO EXHIBITS AT THIS CONFERENCE, PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND NETWORK WITH FELLOW INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS.

CONFERENCE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE AT
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QUESTIONS? CONTACT BETH HARDIMAN

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MARCH 4-6 • CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
401 W. SUMMIT HILL DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

Utility/Company: _____

Registrant 1: _____

Registrant 2: _____

Registrant 3: _____

Registrant 4: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Business Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

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Early Bird
Registration
Deadline



I/We Plan to Attend (please check one)

Full Conference

\$400/\$700

One Day Only (Thurs., March 5)

\$225/\$325

Registrations Received After 2/20

\$450/\$800

Please note that the registration fees above are listed as member/non-member pricing.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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| 11:00AM - 1:00PM | Registration |
| 1:00PM - 4:30PM | Sessions |
| 4:30PM - 6:00PM | Member Reception |

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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| 7:00AM - 8:30AM | Breakfast |
| 8:30AM - 12:00PM | Sessions |
| 12:00PM - 1:00PM | Lunch |
| 1:00PM - 4:30PM | Sessions |

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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| 7:00AM - 8:30AM | Breakfast |
| 8:30AM - 11:30AM | Sessions |

Twelve (12) Hours of PDH & Operator CE Credit Available!

We strongly encourage attendees to make reservations as soon as possible. Room availability cannot be guaranteed at the host hotel after the reservation deadline has passed.

Crowne Plaza Hotel

401 W. Summit Hill Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37902
(865) 522-2600

Room Rate: \$150 S/D



BOOKING LINK (valid through 2/6):

<https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=CP&locationCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=TYSSH&PMID=99801505&GPC=TUD&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Click the "view prices" button in the right corner and on the next screen insert the group dates they want.

BOOKING PHONE NUMBER (after 2/6)

865 522-2600 and ask for "in house" reservations.
The IHG reservations number is 877 424-2449.

| Start Date | Start Time | End Time | Topic | Presenter title | Speakers | Organization |
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| 2026 Technology Conference | | | | | | |
| Water Treatment Sessions | | | | | | |
| 3/4/2026 | 11:00 AM | 4:00 PM | Registration | | | |
| | 1:00 PM | 2:10 PM | Asset Management with AI | President | Dustin Dowdy | Southeastern Tank |
| | 2:10 PM | 3:20 PM | Pumping Ain't Always Easy | President | Nathaniel Green | James C. Hailey & Company |
| | 3:20 PM | 4:30 PM | The Changing Threat Landscape in Cybersecurity - Solutions that work | CTO | Paul Williams | NovaGuard Technologies |
| 3/5/2026 | 7:00 AM | | Registration | | | |
| | 7:00 AM | 8:30 AM | Breakfast | | | |
| | 8:30 AM | 9:40 AM | Ceramic Membranes | President | Dustin Dowdy | Southeastern Tank, Inc. |
| | 9:40 AM | 10:50 AM | First Steps in PFAS Treatment at Savannah Valley Utility District | Owner and Senior Engineer | Seth Rye, Micah Westerman, Woody Miller | Rye Engineering, PLC and Savannah Valley Utility District |
| | 10:50 AM | 12:00 PM | Reducing Risk and Improving Efficiency with Chemical Tank Monitoring | VP Solutions | Jason McGee | Southeastern Tank, Inc. |
| | 1:00 PM | 2:10 PM | Managing and Mitigating Disinfection Byproducts in Drinking Water Systems | Water System Consultant | Bert Gore | USG Water Solutions |
| | 2:10 PM | 3:20 PM | Phosphates for Water Treatment | Technical Application Specialist TN/GA/NC/SC | Ryan Fields | Hawkins, Inc. |
| | 3:20 PM | 4:30 PM | TDEC Update on Water and Distribution Issues | | Jenna Williams | Division of Water Resources, TDEC |
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| | 8:30 AM | 9:40 AM | Intelligent Utility Solutions | Sales Manager | Evan Roberts, Andrew Kopalski, Kerry Hoffman | Ferguson Waterworks |
| | 9:40 AM | 10:50 AM | Operator Certification Update | Certification Board Member | Darryl Green | Certification Board |
| | 10:50 AM | 12:00 PM | Best Practices for Cybersecurity | Owner | Patrick Hobbs | Net3IT |
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| | 9:40 AM | 10:50 AM | Mallory Valley UD Distribution Pressure Monitoring Enhanced Diagnostic Success | Asst. GM, VP Sales | Bobby Nutt, Marc Nichols | MVUD, Southeastern Tank |
| | 10:50 AM | 12:00 PM | Close Tolerance Pipe Slurification (CTPS) Case Study | Regional Director of Pressure Pipe | Brian Goad | Insituform |
| | 1:00 PM | 2:10 PM | Flow Monitoring Without a Hitch | Owner Senior Engineer | Seth Rye, Randell Hogan, Chris Lambert | Rye Engineering, PLC and the City of Clarksville, TN |
| | 2:10 PM | 3:20 PM | Locating and Mapping Infrastructure | Sales Manager | Jason Myers | Tracer Electronics |
| | 3:20 PM | 4:30 PM | Fire Hydrant Operation, Maintenance & Repair | Territory Manager | Jason Snell | Mueller Company |
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| Wastewater Sessions | | | | | | |
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| | 8:30 AM | 9:40 AM | Revolutionizing Wastewater Management at Melton Hill WWTP with the Ydro Process® | Senior Technical Specialist, Territory Sales Manager | Dimitrios Chrysochoou, Alex Tweel | TradeWorks Environmental INC, KAZMIER & ASSOCIATES, INC |
| | 9:40 AM | 10:50 AM | Retrofit of Sand Filter in Destin, FL. for a Massive Upgrade in Capacity | President | Ed Moore | The Eshelman Company Inc. |
| | 10:50 AM | 12:00 PM | Harnessing Digital Twin Technology for Wastewater Treatment - Crystal Ball or Wrecking Ball | Senior Manager- Global Sales Enablement | Dave Rutowski | Aquatics Informatics- Hach WIMS Software |
| | 1:00 PM | 2:10 PM | I/I Comparison of Low Pressure Sewer Collection System Versus Gravity System | Project Manager; FUD General Manager | Kevin Colgett and Bruce Giles | IDG and First Utility District |
| | 2:10 PM | 3:20 PM | Orenco- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment | President | Jackson Brownfield | Specialized Operations Services |

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| | 9:40 AM | 10:50 AM | Streamlining Sewer Inspection and Planning Processes with Artificial Intelligence | FUD GM, TN/KY Operations Lead | Bruce Giles and Adam Byard | First Utility District and Jacobs Engineering |
| | 10:50 AM | 12:00 PM | What's in that Water? Water Quality Monitoring in Sewers Using Smart Sensors | Operational Analytics Lead | John Abrera | Stantec Consulting Services |
| | 1:00 PM | 2:10 PM | Just Say No to F.O.G. | Chemical Solutions Technical Specialist | Tricia Haler | CITCO Water |
| | 2:10 PM | 3:20 PM | Hydrogen Sulfide in Collection System | Chemical Solutions Technical Specialist, Midwest Region Genera | Anthony Taylor and Dustin Dixon | CITCO Water |
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