

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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MARCH 4-6 KNOXVILLE, TN

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UTILITY TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE



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: (_____) - _____ - _____

Early Bird
Registration
Deadline



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I/We Plan to Attend (please check one)

Registration Fees

☐ **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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

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



HOTEL INFORMATION

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&localeCode=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
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
Distribution Sessions						
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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 Slurrification (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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	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 Colvett 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 General	Anthony Traylor and Dustin Dixon	CITCO Water
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