



43rd Annual Spring Biosolids Symposium



Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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Why Should You Attend?

The Symposium provides information on current issues related to biosolids and septage management, enabling municipal officials, plant operators, contractors, and consultants to respond proactively to new challenges. The Symposium has a tradition of providing a forum for discussion and information exchange by assembling speakers who are recognized experts in their respective fields.

Program Committee:

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Lyle Lutz – Plover WWTF

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Ryan Yentz – Strand Associates

John Bowen – Ken-Way Services

Rick Treleven – BCR, Inc.

Zac Thompson – Madison MSD

Rachel Lee – LAI, Ltd.

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| Start Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 8:00 AM | Opening Remarks | David Diehl / Black & Veatch |
| 8:05 AM | Land Application Site Review and Approval Process | Teresa Hall / WDNR |
| 8:35 AM | Consideration for Septage Landspreading and Storage | Kassie Schultz / WDNR |
| 9:05 AM | PFAS – Biosolids Planning for Potential Impacts | Ryan Yentz / Strand Associates |
| 9:30 AM | Landfill Leachate - PFAS | TBD |
| 10:10 AM | Break | |
| 10:25 AM | Wastewater Field Evaluations | Zac Thompson / Madison MSD |
| 10:50 AM | Septage – High Use Alternative Application Rates | Lance Petrasek / Associates Soil Testing of Wisconsin, Inc. |
| 11:20 AM | Exploring Relationships and Communication Strategies Between Permittees, Contractors, Farmers and Neighbors | Zac Thompson / Madison MSD Adam Brandenburg / Bytec Resource Management Scott Rady / Badger State Waste |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch | Afternoon Moderator Lyle Lutz / Plover WWTF |
| 1:00 PM | Digester Cleaning Safety | Aaron Eichhorst / NEW Water |
| 1:20 PM | Panel Discussion on Biosolids Dryers | Chris Lefebvre / Stevens Pt., WI Kris August / Kiehl, WI. Jared Greeno / LaCrosse, WI. Moderator: Rachel Lee / LAI, Ltd. |
| 2:10 PM | Break | |
| 2:25 PM | Legal Update | Vanessa Wishart / Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP |
| 2:45 PM | Is Regional Biosolids Worth It? | Eric Lynne / Donohue |
| 3:10 PM | Drying, Class A – Sludge Management & Monitoring. | Ryan Yentz / Strand Associates |
| 3:30 PM | Closing Remarks / Adjourn | Lyle Lutz / Plover WWTF |

SAVE THE DATE!
Spring Biosolids Symposium
March, 2027. Date: TBD
Stevens Point, WI

General Information:

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Reg. Fee: \$90 until March 11

\$100 after March 11

Fees paid with a credit card will be assessed an additional processing surcharge.

Cancellations/Refunds:

Contact Courtney Harris at (414) 908-4950 x 125 or c.harris@wwoa.org, no later than March 11, 2026. No refunds will be given after this date.

Continuing Education Hours:

Continuing Education Hours will be awarded upon completion of the event. Credits listed below have been DNR approved.

6.0 Hours for Wastewater

4.0 Hours for General Septage

2.0 Septage Compliance Hours

6.0 PDHs

Location:

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center

1001 Amber Avenue

Stevens Point, WI 54481

(715) 344-0200

Lodging: A block of rooms will be held at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center

until February 14, 2026 or until the block is full for \$125.99 Standard Room Rate.

Make your reservations directly at

(715) 344-0200 and press #1

Please reference the group name

"WI Wastewater Operators Assn."

Use group block code: BIO

