

24-Hour Operation Specialist Technical Management Topics/Agenda

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Staying Financially Strong--Handling Liabilities, Aging Receivables, and Cutoffs:** *Brian Nevels, Louisiana Legislative Auditor*
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Louisiana Dig Law:** *Billy Forest, Louisiana 811*
- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- Strengthening Utility Operations with Modern Cloud Based SCADA:** *Jonathan Carreno, Steametric (Delta Process)*
- 11:00 AM -- 01:00 PM -- Lunch and Welcome Address with Guest Speakers:** *LRWA Executive Director Patrick Credeur; NRWA Board Member & Arkansas Rural Water Association Board Member John Choate; USDA Rural Development State Director Troy Romero; LDH/OPH Engineering Services Section Chief Steven Joubert; University of Nevada Professor & Extension State Specialist Loretta Singletary and University of Nevada Postdoctoral Scholar Mary Mena Boateng*
- 01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Elder Fraud Prevention and Avoiding Contractor Fraud:** *Molli Montie, Louisiana Department of Justice--Rep for AG Liz Murrill*
- 02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- Net DMR & Reporting 101:** *Kathy Huddle, LDEQ*
- 03:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Technology Tour/Meet & Greet Exhibitors** (*coliseum*)

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- DWRLF Updates:** *Scott Templet, LDH*
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Grant Opportunities for Sewer & Water Systems:** *Heather Paul, OCDBG Office*
- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- USDA Rural Development Funding:** *Troy Romero and Matt Seaton, USDA Rural Development*
- 11:00 AM -- 01:00 PM -- Lunch and LRWA Merit of Excellence Awards**
- 01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Technology Tour in Exhibit Hall** (*coliseum*)
- 02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund:** *Coty Rabalais and David Thompson, LDEQ*
- 03:00 PM -- 04:00 PM -- LDH Updates:** *Steven Joubert, LDH*
- 04:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Remote Water Quality Monitoring:** *Sean Lacaille, Badger Meter*

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- LCRI Overview:** *Jeremy Harris, LDH*
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- PFAS Rule:** *Vijai Elango, LDH*
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- 11:45 AM -- 02:00 PM -- Lunch and Closing Ceremony:** *featuring the Zenner Meter Challenge Finals, door prize drawings, and the exciting drawing of five \$1,000 gift certificates*

24-Hour Operation Specialist Technical Wastewater Topics/Agenda

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Fifteen Years of Successful Laminar Flow Aeration for Wastewater Lagoons:** Jim Dartez, Reliant Water Technologies
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Altering the Physiochemical Properties of Wastewater to Meet Compliance Standards:** Malcom Lynch, CC Lynch & Associates
- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- O&M Compliance:** Scott Pierce, LDEQ
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- 01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Ammonia Based Aeration Control:** Alex Krapas, In-Situ (QSM Group)
- 02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- Compliance Sampling:** Shane Miller, LDEQ
- 03:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Technology Tour/Meet & Greet Exhibitors** (*coliseum*)

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Use and Conversion of Peracetic Acid (PAA) in Wastewater Treatment:** Jacob B. Groby III, City of Mandeville - Public Works
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Net DMR & Reporting 101:** Kathy Huddle, LDEQ
- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- Killing Three Birds with One Stone:** Doug Kelley, Ph.D., Inland Environmental Resources Inc
- 11:00 AM -- 01:00 PM -- Lunch and LRWA Merit of Excellence Awards**
- 01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Technology Tour in Exhibit Hall** (*coliseum*)
- 02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- What to Expect During LDEQ Inspection:** Shane Miller , LDEQ
- 03:00 PM -- 04:00 PM -- Compliance Orders:** Brandon Comeaux, LDH
- 04:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Eliminating Fat, Oil and Grease from Wastewater Collection System:** Matt Watson, BAR Environmental

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24-Hour Operation Specialist Technical Water Topics/Agenda

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08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Sample Taps-The Good, The Bad, The Ugly: Kristen Hungerford, LDH

09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Finished Water Storage Tanks: Rory Dobbs, LDH

10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- CCR3: Sean Nolan, LDH

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01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- The Risks and Rewards of Transporting Drinking Water (in pipes): David Hatcher, Aqua Smart

02:00 PM -- 3:00 PM -- Low Lead Brass AWWA Installation Standards: Jerry Johnson, AY McDonald Mfg

03:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Technology Tour/Meet & Greet Exhibitors (*coliseum*)

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08:00 AM -- 9:00 AM -- Cross Connection Control Program Review and Backflow Troubleshooting: Mike Billingsley, BBWC Sales

09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generation: Randy Otts, Coastal Process

10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- Mix It Up: Jay Weber, Instrument & Supply

11:00 AM -- 01:00 PM -- Lunch and LRWA Merit of Excellence Awards

01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Technology Tour in Exhibit Hall (*coliseum*)

02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- Chlorine Residual Monitoring: Yoland Brumfield, LDH

03:00 PM -- 04:00 PM -- LCRI Sampling Plans and Baseline Inventories: Jeremy Harris, LDH

04:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Unaccounted for Water/GIS: Marshall Harris, Ferguson

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08:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- Surface Water Treatment Overview, Turbidity, MORs, Disinfection Profile: Barbara Featherston and Christopher Rogers, LDH

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24-Hour Operation Specialist Technical Water/Wastewater Topics/Agenda

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Inside the Tank--Practical Cleanouts and Inspections:** Teddy Krein, Maguire
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Back to Basics--Chlorine and Chloramination:** Alex Krapas, In-Situ (QSM Group)
- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- Op Cert Updates:** Esteban “Stone” Gonzalez, LDH
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- 01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Grade Rule 2026:** Jennifer Kihlken, LDH
- 02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- Utilizing a Positive Seal Prevent I & I:** Corey Wilkinson, CCI Piping Systems
- 03:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Technology Tour/Meet & Greet Exhibitors** (*coliseum*)

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Managing Corrosive Gases to Reduce Odors:** Chris Moon, Purafil/Filtration Group (Coastal Process)
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Water Tank Asset Management & Planning:** BJ Richardson, Viking Industrial Painting
- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM -- VIDAR--Integrated Motor Innovation for Water and Wastewater:** Michael Pethers, VIDAR an ITT Company
- 11:00 AM -- 1:00 PM -- Lunch and LRWA Merit of Excellence Awards**
- 01:00 PM -- 02:00 PM -- Technology Tour in Exhibit Hall** (*coliseum*)
- 02:00 PM -- 03:00 PM -- Using Product Innovation for Cost-Effectiveness and Safety Gains:** Charity Farnsworth and Chris Miles, Underground Utility Supply
- 03:00 PM -- 04:00 PM -- Protecting Infrastructure with Trimble Catalyst:** Kevin Cormier, Seiler Geospatial
- 04:00 PM -- 05:00 PM -- Effective Chloramination:** David Maxwell, Hach

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- 08:00 AM -- 09:00 AM -- Unlocking New Revenue and Conserving Resources:** Stephen Barnes, Flowpoint Environmental Services
- 09:00 AM -- 10:00 AM -- Broad Spectrum Treatment, One GAC Bed at a Time:** Irene Karana, Calgon Carbon Corp (ETEC)
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