



24 October 2023

Mayor Chuck Fewell
Board of Works and Public Safety
10 South State St.
Greenfield, IN 46140

Re: Request to attend out of state seminar=

Mayor and Board Members,

I am requesting the Board's permission to attend an American Water Works Association (AWWA) seminar on PFAS: Navigating Legal, Financial and Technological Challenges in Chicago, Illinois on 02-03 November 2023. This seminar will include roundtables with the top industry experts and the Governmental Affairs Director for the AWWA, and will focus on the upcoming regulatory requirements that all Public Water Systems will have to meet to mitigate these emerging contaminants.

As the Board is aware there are new changes proposed for the National Safe Drinking Water Act that will include standards for treatment of PFAS or what is called "forever chemicals". These chemicals are complex and extremely challenging to deal with and I feel that this roundtable opportunity will enable me to have critical guidance on the best way to lead our utility in the onset of this new set of challenges that will affect every public water system in the country.

The training itself is \$395 plus \$219 hotel accommodations. I am requesting to fly to this event using the most economical flight possible to get there and back safely and efficiently. The cost for the flight is approximately \$178. The only other expenses would be meals which will be paid for with the per diem rate of \$45 per day. Total trip cost is estimated to be \$ 792.00 which we have funds available for this seminar. I have included the travel itinerary and seminar schedule for your review.

I request the Board approve this request as presented. I welcome any questions the Board may have on this recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Gill".

Charles Gill
Manager
Greenfield Water Utility

cc: Jane Webb, Utility Coordinator
Gregg Morelock, City Attorney
Lori Elmore, Clerk-Treasurer



Travel Itinerary

United airlines flight leaves Indianapolis International at 0730 EST on 02 November 2023
Arrive Chicago O’Hare International at 0744 CST on 02 November 2023
Taxi / hotel shuttle to Hilton Chicago 720 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago IL 6065
Attend Day 1 of seminar
Attend Day 2 of seminar
Taxi / hotel shuttle to Chicago O’Hare International
American Airlines flight leaves Chicago O’Hare International at 1555 CST on 03 November 2023
Arrive Indianapolis International at 1614 EST on 03 November 2023

Workshop Agenda

Join us on November 2 & 3, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois for a comprehensive discussion on PFAS - program session topics will include Regulatory, Legal, Financial, and Management & Technological.

Preliminary agenda; please check back for updates and additional details. All times are Central time zone.

Day 1: Thursday, November 2, 2023

12 Noon Registration & Check-in

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:30 p.m. **EPA PFAS Regulation and Recovery of Compliance Costs**

A moderated discussion that will include such topics as:

EPA regulations under the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts as well as potential liabilities for utilities under the Superfund Law

The cost of compliance from new regulations

Status of cost recovery efforts by utilities

Moderator:

Tracy Mehan, Executive Director of Government Affairs - AWWA

Panelists:

Randal Brown, Esq., General Counsel - Great Lakes Water Authority



Ashley Campbell, Esq., Counsel - Sher Edling, LLP

Steve Via, Director of Federal Relations - AWWA

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

First Steps in Managing and Communicating About PFAS

A moderated discussion that will include such topics as:

What are the right first steps

When and how to communicate about PFAS in drinking water

What to say and, importantly, what NOT to say

What to do if trust is lost

Moderator:

Matt Wittern, APR, PMP Manager - Raftelis Financing Consultants, Inc.

Panelists:

Gina Ayala, Public Affairs Director - Orange County Water District, CA

Vaughn Hagerty, Director of Communications - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, NC

Marc A. Lucca, President - Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

5:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

Day 2

Friday, November 3, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Overnight thoughts on yesterday's sessions, intro to today's sessions

9:00 a.m.

Treatment Alternatives and Related Considerations

A moderated discussion that will include such topics as:

Treatment alternatives

Potential future treatment technologies

Treatment/disposal of waste products

Supply chain considerations

Moderator:

Nicolle Boulay, Vice President, North American Drinking Water Sector Leader - Stantec

Panelists:

Joe Jacangelo, PhD, Vice President and Director of Research - Stantec



Ryan Burfeind, PE, Public Works Director - City of Cottage Grove, MN

Adam Redding, PhD, Technical Director of Drinking Water Solutions - Calgon Carbon

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **Paying for PFAS: Considering All Options**

A moderated discussion that will include such topics as:

Preparing your finances for the impact

Which portions of your budget will compliance NOT touch - it might be fewer than you think

Where to find the money for capital investments

Strategies to manage implementation and minimize the affordability burden

Moderator:

Toby Fedder, Senior Manager - Raftelis

Panelists:

Christopher Cecchetto, Chief Financial Officer - Suffolk County Water Authority

Steve Marquardt, Branch Manager, Water Division - U.S. EPA Region 5

Kenneth Waldroup, Executive Director - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority

Bruce Whitteberry, Assistant Superintendent of Water Quality & Treatment Division - Greater Cincinnati Water Works

12:15 p.m. Wrap-Up

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Subject to change, please check back for updates. All times are Central time zone (Chicago, Illinois).