NEW WEEK!

September 9-11, 2026

IPWSOA

94th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Attendee Information

Crowne Plaza - Springfield IL

CONFERENCE LOCATION AND LODGING:

Crowne Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

Special conference rates available until August 15, 2026

$129.00 + tax per night for Standard Guest Room
Call 217-529-7777 select option #1 for reservations
refer to ***Group Code O0A*** when speaking with the reservationist
for a link to online booking options go to ilrwa.org/IPWSOA/IPWSOA Conference.html

REGISTRATION—Registration & badges are required for all conference attendees.

BADGE PICKUP—When you arrive at the conference, please pick up your badge at the registration desk.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS— Refunds will be made in case of illness or emergency situations. You may either send a letter by mail, e-mail or fax to have a refund issued.

EXHIBIT HALL— 80 companies will be bringing their products and services to you at this year's conference. You may visit with them during the designated hours throughout the conference.

OTHER CONFERENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

The annual fall golf outing will be held at The Rail Golf Course. This is a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start at noon. Cost is $125.00 per golfer and includes lunch, drink tickets and driving range. See enclosed flyer for registration information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

4:30 Water Taste Test—Bring a sample of your water and find out if it is the best tasting in Illinois! All you need to do to participate is to bring your sample in a glass container to the conference registration desk by 10:30 a.m. on September 9th.

4:30—6:30 Mix 'n Mingle with Bag Toss Tournament - Complimentary snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine will be served and a cash bar provided. A Bag Toss Tournament will take place during the Mix 'n Mingle.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:00—1:00 Water Operator Exams You must have a valid **Letter of Admission** issued by the IEPA. You **must** bring the Letter of Admission and a photo ID. There are no conference fees associated with the exam. ***However, you must return a registration form with the exam you will be taking circled.***

12:00—1:00 Operator of the Year Luncheon - Do you know a water operator that has provided exceptional service, effort and commitment to the water industry and his or her community? Many water operators go above and beyond their required job duties and seldom get recognized. Please use the enclosed form to nominate your favorite hard working operator!

4:30—6:30 Vendor and Attendee Appreciation Reception - Stick around after the training sessions for hor d'oeuvres and beverages.

IRWA will again be assisting us to bring you a great conference experience

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9 (5.75 Water/2.5 WW CEU's Available)			EXHIBIT HALL OPENS AT 8:00 AM
	PLAZA I	**PLAZA A**	**GOVERNOR**
8:30—8:45	Welcome to the Conference		Operator Review C & D 8:00 — 10:00
8:45—9:45	State of the Water Industry Panel		
9:45—10:15	***BREAK***		
10:15—11:15	Meet the IEPA Panel*		Operator Review A & B 10:00 —12:00
11:15—12:00	Dealing with HCB's and Cyanotoxins: The Last Resort?	Lagoons Do It Better	
12:00—1:00	***LUNCH***		
1:00—1:15	Business Meeting		
1:15—2:00	Lead Issues & Programs	Every Drop Counts: The Utility Playbook for Water Loss	
2:00—2:45		Lifecycle of Coatings	
2:45—3:15	***BREAK***		
3:15—4:00	J.U.L.I.E. Positive Response Update*	PFAS in Municipal Wastewater Systems: What we know now and where we are likely headed	
4:00—4:45	PFAS Regulation Update & Treatment Options		
4:45	***WATER TASTE TEST/MIX 'N MINGLE (In Exhibit Hall)***		

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10 (6.25 Water/3 WW CEU's Available)			EXHIBIT HALL OPENS AT 8:00 AM
	PLAZA I	**PLAZA A**	**GOVERNOR**
8:15—9:15	Fireside Chat with Ashlynn Stillwell; U of I		Water Operator Exams 8:00—1:00 ***You must bring your IEPA issued Letter of Admission and a photo ID***
9:15—10:00	Well Maintenance		
10:00—10:30	***BREAK***		
10:30—11:15	Sampling and Customer Relations	The Future of Utility Locating*	
11:15—12:00	Corrosion Control*	Optimizing Plant Operations*	
12:00—1:00	***OPERATOR OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON***		
1:00—1:45	IEPA Compliance Assurance Section Updates		
1:45—2:30	Get the Funk Out! Optimizing Ozone and BAF to Address Taste and Odor Issues	Hydrant Operations and Maintenance	
2:30—3:00	***BREAK***		
	2nd FLOOR BALLROOM		
3:00—3:45	Trenching and Shoring Safety*		
3:45—4:30	Hydraulic Surge Suppression		
4:30—6:30	***ADJOURN—VENDOR AND ATTENDEE APPRECIATION RECEPTION***		

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11 (2.5 Water/.75 WW CEU's Available)	2nd FLOOR BALLROOM
7:30—8:30	***ANNUAL BREAKFAST***
8:30—9:15	IEPA—State Revolving Loan Fund Updates*
9:15—10:00	Adapting to Change—CLCJAWA's Approach to Advancing Water Treatment, Declining Water Demand, and Data Center Development
10:00—10:15	***BREAK***
10:15—11:15	IEPA Lead Program Updates
11:15	***President's Award, Prizes & Drawings***

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Attendee Registration Form

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NAME FOR BADGE:_____

SYSTEM OR COMPANY REPRESENTING_____

MAILING ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____STATE:_____ZIP:_____

PHONE NUMBER:_____E-MAIL ADDRESS:_____

Registrations must be received by August 28, 2026 to receive pre-registration pricing.
Registrations received after August 28th will be considered on-site registration and subject to the higher fee.

FULL REGISTRATION: Includes Conference Activities for all three days.

Before 8/28/2026_____ $245.00 **After 8/28/2026**_____$295.00

Retiree Registration _____$155.00 **Student Registration** _____$80.00

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION: Includes Conference Activities for one day only.

Before 8/28/2026_____$175.00 **After 8/30/2026**_____$225.00

Retiree Registration _____ $120.00 **Student Registration** _____$40.00

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAY YOU WILL ATTEND:
(for one day registrations)

WEDNESDAY_____ THURSDAY_____ FRIDAY_____

***ADDITIONAL* OPERATOR OF THE YEAR LUNCH TICKET:** _____$39.00
(*This is for guests—this ticket is included in attendees registration*)

IF YOU WILL BE TAKING A WATER EXAM—PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH ONE: A B C D

NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 28, 2026

Please make checks payable to:
IPWSOA, P.O. Box 49, Taylorville, IL 62568

You may pay by credit card at: www.ilrwa.org (Follow the link on the home page)

QUESTIONS? Contact Heather McLeod by phone: 800-762-3547 or by e-mail: ilrwahm@ilrwa.org