CIFA SRF WORKSHOP

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Emerging Contaminants Drinking Water

Monday, November 13 ● 3:45 – 5:00 pm ● Oklahoma Station 1-2

Cleaning Up Forever Chemicals in Drinking Water

Learn how the SRFs are building the pipeline of projects to remediate emerging contaminants. Hear about the most common and effective technologies used to treat perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Learn about Iowa's programmatic approach to mitigating emerging contaminants. Find out how Alabama is using EPA's Small and Disadvantaged Communities Emerging Contaminant Grant Program to help remediate emerging contaminants in small communities.

Moderator: Damaris Christensen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Presenters:

- Bizzy Berg, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Theresa Enright, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Eric Reidy, Alabama Department of Environmental Management
- Mark White, CDM Smith

Meet the Moderator

Damaris Christensen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Damaris Christensen is the branch supervisor for the Water Finance Branch, where her team focuses on Drinking Water State Revolving Fund policy and oversight. She has been with EPA since 2008. Most recently, at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, she worked on regulating persistent bioaccumulative chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Before that, she was in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds as EPA's staff lead for geographic jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. She is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College and New York University.

Meet the Presenters

Bizzy Berg, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Bizzy Berg is a Life Scientist for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) at EPA Headquarters. She has been with the Agency since June 2022, helping states use DWSRF funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to solve emerging contaminant issues. She earned a Bachelor's in Environmental Science from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's in Biology from Loyola University Chicago.

Theresa Enright, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Theresa Enright is Iowa's SRF Coordinator and is directly responsible for the efficient management of the Drinking Water (DWSRF) and Clean Water (CWSRF) State Revolving Fund Programs. She oversees the state's program compliance with grant terms and conditions and operating agreements, provides coordination between programmatic and financial functions of the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, and develops new uses for the SRF programs. Theresa has been with the DNR since June 2018. Her previous experience includes project management in the commercial construction industry, and financial and programmatic administration of multiple FEMA grants. Theresa is a former Commander and Operations and Logistics Officer for the IA Army National Guard, a Certified Grants Manager, and has a B.S. in Health Sciences from the University of Iowa.

Eric Reidy, Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Eric Reidy is the Chief Engineer for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) of Alabama. He has been with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for 10 years and with the SRF program for 4 years. He previously worked in Air Division, regulating chemical manufacturing facilities, and Water Division under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program prior to coming to the SRF section. He graduated from the University of South Alabama with bachelor's degrees in Chemical Engineering and Biology.

Mark White, CDM Smith

Mark White is the Global Practice leader for Drinking Water at CDM Smith, an international engineering and construction firm providing solutions for water, environment, transportation, energy and facilities. He is a Board Certified Environmental Engineer with close to 30 years of experience in the planning, design, and construction of water treatment facilities, including advanced treatment for PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern. Mark holds Bachelor degrees in Civil Engineering and Architecture from the University of Illinois and a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of North Carolina.