

CIFA SRF WORKSHOP

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Lead Line Replacement

Monday, November 13 • 1:30 – 3:00 pm • Oklahoma Station 1-2

Lessons Learned from Lead Service Line Replacement

Learn how SRFs are evolving their programs to accelerate replacement of lead service lines. Hear how Pennsylvania has streamlined their process for managing replacement of the privately-owned section of lead service lines. Hear how Illinois used fees and set-asides to build a pipeline of projects for lead service line inventories and replacements. Find out how Ohio is combining funding from the base program and set-asides to incentivize subsidized loans and maximize additional subsidy for lead service line replacement.

Moderator: Sara Pringer, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Presenters:

- Jonathan Bernstein, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Rob Boos, PENNVEST
- Nidhan Singh, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Meet the Moderator

Sara Pringer, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Sara Pringer is the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Financial Assistance Center. Sara oversees Missouri's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, State American Rescue Plan Act grant programs, as well as other state funded programs. Sara has been with the Department for 22 years. Sara serves on the CIFA Professional Development Committee.

Meet the Presenters

Jonathan Bernstein, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Jon Bernstein is Chief of the Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance at Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He oversees staff and programs associated with the two state revolving funds. Jon has worked at Ohio EPA for more than 16 years in the Division of Surface Water and the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance. His areas of expertise include Clean Water Act permitting programs, water quality and state revolving loan program management. Jon earned a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Ohio University where he followed an Energy and Environment Track. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Ohio.

Robert Boos, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)

Robert Boos is the Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority where he oversees the State Revolving Fund. Rob's career began as a Field Technician with the Lawrence County Conservation District. The next 15 years were spent at the Department of Environmental Protection in the Water Quality Program as a Nutrient Management Specialist, Compliance Specialist, Sewage Planning Supervisor, and Sewage Facilities Group Manager. The last 11 years have been spent with PENNVEST overseeing the operations for the Nutrient Credit Trading Clearinghouse, Deputy Executive for Project Management and now in his current capacity as Executive Director. Rob earned his B.S. in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology from Westminster College.

Nidhan Singh, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Nidhan Singh is the Deputy Manager of the Illinois Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan programs. Before his current position, Nidhan worked in the private sector in the banking industry in downtown Chicago. He was responsible for data analysis, budgeting/forecasting and reporting for an Asset Management bank. Nidhan began his public sector career in 2021 and has been with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for almost three years. He graduated from St. Louis University with a bachelor's in finance/economics and earned his MBA from DePaul University in Chicago.