



COUNCIL OF INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITIES

2021 CIFA SRF Workshop

Salt Lake City, Utah • October 4, 3:50 – 5:00 pm

Lessons Learned: Tackling Failing Septic Systems

Learn how Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa and Oklahoma developed programs to address water pollution from old and failing septic systems.

Meet the Speakers



Lori Johnson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Lori Johnson is the Assistant Chief of the Financial Assistance Division of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. She oversees the Board's water and wastewater infrastructure grant and loan programs while also serving as the Clean Water SRF Program Manager for Oklahoma. She has worked for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for more than 15 years. Lori currently serves as a representative for EPA Region 6 on the Board of Directors of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA).



Greg Pope, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Greg Pope, P.E., is the Chief of Operations for Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)'s Environmental Finance. He oversees the technical and programmatic aspects of Delaware's CWSRF Program. He previously was the lead engineer for the CWSRF and has been with the State since 2003. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering (BME) from the University of Delaware in 1993. He subsequently received a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Goldey-Beacom College in 1999. He received his Professional Engineering license in Environmental Engineering in 2004 and is registered in the State of Delaware.



Theresa Enright, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Theresa Enright is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources's (DNR) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Coordinator for both the Drinking Water and Wastewater Programs. Her duties include overseeing the operating agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, providing coordination between programmatic and financial functions of the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF programs, and developing 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 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program Grants issued through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Theresa also served as an Operations Manager for the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and traveled the state educating Emergency Management Coordinators, first responders, and local elected officials about Emergency Management and Operations. Ms. Enright 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.



Aaron Smith, Iowa Finance Authority

Aaron Smith joined the Authority as the Chief Bond Programs Director in March 2021. He oversees the Iowa State Revolving Funds for Clean Water and Drinking Water, the Private Activity Bond Program, the Homeownership Program, and the Beginning Farmer Loan Program. He holds master's degrees in Finance and Business Administration from Creighton University and a B.A. from MidAmerica Nazarene University.



Debby Dickson, Arkansas Department of Agriculture

Debby Dickson is a Program Financial Manager with Arkansas Natural Resources Division, helping communities to secure funding for water and sewer infrastructure. Debby is a graduate of Capella University with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, a certificate in accounting and over 30 years of accounting experience in various industries including governmental accounting. She has worked in the Clean Water & Drinking Water state revolving fund programs in Wyoming and now Arkansas for just over 12 years.