



2025 Value of Water — Technical Conference

October 15, 2025 | 8:45 am - 6:00 pm | STAR Campus @ The University of Delaware

Hosted by the University of Delaware Center for Clean Hydrogen

Event Co-Chairs: **Jessica Hartley** *Vicinity Energy* & **Virginia Eisenbrey** *Artesian Water*

MORNING PROGRAM

8:45 - 9:30 AM | Welcome & Networking

- Registration, coffee & light breakfast

9:30 - 9:45 AM | Opening Ceremony

- Welcome remarks from **Jennifer Garigliano**, *WRA Board President & Executive Director, NYC DEP*
- Co-chairs welcome and conference overview

9:45 - 10:30 AM | Foundational Session Water Availability & Accessibility in the Delaware River Basin

- Moderator: **Virginia Eisenbrey**, *Artesian Water*
- Speakers: **Kristen Kavanagh** & **David Kovach**, *Delaware River Basin Commission*

10:30 - 11:30 AM | Critical Infrastructure Water-Energy Nexus: Infrastructure Challenges & Solutions Panel

- Moderator: **Dan Kennedy**, *NAIOP New Jersey*
- Panelists: **Jessica Hartley** *Vicinity Energy*, **Richard Coaxum** *Constellation*, **Rachel Hanson** *AECOM*

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Technical Tour & Lunch

Option 1: Veolia PFAS Treatment Facility Tour **Pre Registration required**

- One of the largest PFAS treatment plants in North America (30 million gallons/day)
- Veolia Delaware Operations, 2000 First State Blvd., Wilmington, Delaware
- Transportation by carpool, boxed lunch included
- Closed-toe shoes required

Option 2: Center for Clean Hydrogen Lab Open House

- Tour the cutting-edge research facility
- 225 Inspiration Boulevard, Newark Delaware—a two minute walk from our event

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:30 - 2:00 PM | Keynote Address: Kurt Foreman, President and CEO, Delaware Prosperity Partnership

- Water infrastructure's role in Delaware's economic future

2:00 - 3:10 PM | Session II: Economic Impact Water as Economic Engine: The Value of H2O

- Moderator: **Chris Curran**, AECOM
- Panelists: **Martin Deetz** *DuPont Water Solutions*, **Mike Contreras** *2SP Brewers*, **Herman C. Mihalich** *Dad's Hat Rye Whiskey*, **Amanda Katzoff & Einar Peters** *Kimberly-Clark*

3:10 - 3:20 PM | Lightning Talk: Maritime Trade - Economic Engine of the Region

- Speaker: **Troy Mix**, *University of Delaware Biden School of Public Policy & Administration*

3:20 - 4:00 PM | Leadership Perspectives: Climate Resilience & Water Quality

- Featured Guest: **Larry Finnicum**, *Regional President, Veolia North America*
- Moderator: **Marc Gold**

4:00 - 4:30 PM | Awards Ceremony 2025 Innovation & Collaboration Awards Presentation

4:30 - 4:40 PM | Conference Conclusion

- Closing remarks and call to action

4:40 - 6:00 PM | Networking Reception

- Celebrate our Innovation & Collaboration Award recipients



Recognition Awards 2025



INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION AWARD

Government Agency Presented To: **The Valley Forge Sewer Authority, C. Eric Stoltz**

For addressing the challenge of removing emerging contaminants of concern from water and wastewater through novel and sustainable treatment innovations.



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Research Presented To: **Temple University's Thermal Technologies and Analytical Laboratory, Gangadhar Andaluri, PhD and Md Saiful Islam**

For addressing the challenge of removing emerging contaminants of concern from water and wastewater through novel and sustainable treatment innovations.



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Business and Industry Presented To: **GreenUp - James Baney**

For building and implementing a model for water sector workforce development that supports communities and utilities across the region to promote economic advancement, career development and leadership opportunities.



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Business and Industry Presented To: **AKRF - Kevin Flynn**

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Business and Industry Presented To: **PWD - Meg Malloy**

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