

NCPC Conference Speaker Bios

PT 101 Monday

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Dana is a retired pretreatment regulator, now working part-time in pretreatment, mentoring and training staff in DWR's central office.

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Keyes McGee has recently returned to pretreatment regulatory staff in DWR's central office from DEQ's Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS).

DWR Updates Tuesday

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Julie Grzyb (pronounced Gribb) is the Deputy Director for DEQ's, Division of Water Resources. Her focus has been on addressing emerging compounds in the Cape Fear and remediation at the Chemours facility in Fayetteville, NC. Prior to being Deputy Director Julie was the NPDES Complex Permitting Supervisor in DWR's Water Quality Permitting Section which is responsible for writing NPDES permits for major municipal and industrial facilities in NC. Julie earned her B.S. degree from the College of Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. She has worked for the Ohio EPA and the Virginia, DEQ.

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Michael Montebello is the Supervisor of the new Municipal Unit in the Division of Water Resources. He has been with the State of North Carolina since April 2020. Michael was the former Domestic Wastewater Section Manager in the SC Bureau of Water. He oversaw permitting for the Domestic NPDES and Non-Discharge wastewater, wastewater treatment plant design review, pretreatment program review, Industrial wastewater pretreatment system permitting, domestic sludge land

application permitting, compliance and enforcement assistance, member of the Disaster Control Team (DCT) since 1989. Michael was also responsible for the SC Water Quality Standards updates (2017-2020), NPDES regulation updates and was a “Superuser” in the development of the Bureau of Water’s ePermitting integration for the Agency. Michael retired after nearly forty years of service.

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Jeff Poupart is the Branch Chief of the Water Quality Permitting Section, Division of Water Resources North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. He has been the Branch Chief since 2015. In that position he oversees permitting and compliance for the NPDES and Non-Discharge wastewater, sewer collection systems, 401 Certifications, Wetlands and Buffer, transportation permitting and Animal Feeding operations. Jeff has been with DWR since 1992 and has served in various supervisory positions throughout DWR including industrial pretreatment and emergency response. Jeff is also a retired Air Force Reserve Major the serving the last 10 years as Commander of 916th Security Forces Squadron. Jeff went to Aquinas College-Grand Rapids and earned his degree in Chemistry.

Implementing a PT Program Tuesday

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Bill is the Environmental Compliance Manager with Charlotte Water. He is responsible for the overall operation of the Pretreatment and Commercial Source programs and has 20 years of experience in pretreatment. He was previously an Environmental Compliance Specialist with Charlotte Water. Bill received a BS in Biology from the University of Evansville [Indiana] in 1989. He is a member of the North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium and has held various officer positions in the organization. Bill is a member of the Water Environment Federation and the American Society of Safety Engineers. He holds a Grade IV North Carolina Pretreatment Certification and is the Chairman of the Certification Board and an instructor for the Consortium’s North Carolina Voluntary Pretreatment Certification Program. He is also the Chair of the NC-PC conference site-selection committee.

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I’ve worked for Charlotte Water for 20 years. I attended Appalachian State University where I played football and received my BS in Management and Public Relations. I had various positions in other departments within Charlotte Water such as Customer Service, Administration, and now System Protection. Currently I’m the Environmental Compliance Supervisor for the FOG Program for Charlotte Water. Currently I’m a member of the NCPC Consortium, NC AWWA, and AFCA. I have been a High

School football coach for over 19 years. I enjoy coaching and mentoring young men and women and developing them to pursue their careers and dreams. In my down time I love to fish, watch all levels of Football, attend NASCAR and Drag Racing.

PFAS Removal Tuesday

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Jonathan Treadway, PE, BCEE, PMP is a project manager and principal engineer with CDM Smith in Raleigh, North Carolina. He has over 23 years of experience working with municipal water and wastewater clients to expand or upgrade drinking water, wastewater, and biosolids treatment facilities. Mr. Treadway served as lead design engineer for upgrades to a 48 mgd water treatment facility that includes reverse osmosis treatment to remove PFAS and other contaminant from the drinking water supply. His presentation "Treating for PFAS Removal" covers a variety of topics including PFAS sources, public health impacts, and options for removing PFAS at treatment facilities.

EPA Updates Wednesday

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Jan Pickrel is the National Pretreatment Program Coordinator at EPA and coordinates a diverse set of activities involving industrial wastewater programs, including technology-based effluent guidelines and categorical standards, water reuse, biosolids, water security and emergency response planning, and emerging contaminants of concern. She has taught many courses on the pretreatment program across the nation, both in person and via webinar. Prior to coming to EPA in 1997, Ms. Pickrel worked for 13 years in Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (VDEQ) Northern Virginia Regional Office, where she served as the Pretreatment Coordinator and Industrial NPDES Coordinator in the region's Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program. During her tenure at VDEQ, she had also served as the Chief Regional Geologist and has extensive experience in land application of biosolids, ground water and surface water investigations, and oil spill remediation efforts. Ms. Pickrel has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the College of William and Mary, and a Master of Engineering Administration degree (dual concentration in Construction Management and Environmental & Energy Management) from George Washington University. Ms. Pickrel is also a Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener (Sustainable Landscape Management).

Virtual Inspections: Streamlining During the Pandemic Wednesday

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Marie Slack-Handy is the Pretreatment Coordinator for the City of Dallas – Dallas Water Utilities – Pretreatment & Laboratory Services Division. She attended the University of New Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana and is currently enrolled at American Public University studying Environmental Science & Management. Marie has worked in the Environmental field for over 20 years, 15 of which is with Industrial Pretreatment. Marie has her Green Belt certification in Lean Six Sigma. She is a member of the Texas Water Utilities Association “TWUA”, Water Environmental Association of Texas “WEAT” and the North Texas Organization of Pretreatment Professionals “NTOPP” where she has served on the Executive Boards.

CROMERR Wednesday

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Nicole Sears has 14 years of experience in Pretreatment with the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) where she is an Environmental Specialist III in a role focused on Pollutant Accounting and the Monitoring and Reporting Program. She also serves on the project team responsible for development of an agency-wide Environmental Sustainability Program. Nicole holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from University of California at Davis in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology with degree emphasis in Environmental Toxicology and Disease Ecology.

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Greg Mitchell is Federal IT Specialist and IT Operations Infrastructure lead a for the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Central Data Exchange since 2002. With a degree in Computer Science from Virginia Tech, Mr. Mitchell specializes in regulatory E-Reporting and IT compliance including 40 CFR Part 3 Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR). Mr. Mitchell has been an Integrated Project Team member for the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) managing US EPA's Shared CROMERR Services integration and compliance since inception.

