

June 2, 2021

MassDEP Call with Wastewater Treatment System Operators

CHAT

- **Mickey Nowak, MA Water Environment Association**

MAWEA & NEIWPC Joint Program, Workforce Webinar: Where Will Our New Operators Come From? Innovative Approaches To Building Our Future Workforce

2 TCH Awarded for Attendance – Download Flyer here

Tues. – June 22nd, 2021 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/578112885> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 578-112-885

-  * **Mickey Nowak, MA Water Environment Association** 04:31

Workforce Flyer Link - http://mawea.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/MAWEA-NEIWPC_C_Workforce-Webinar.pdf

-  **Denny Dart, EPA** 05:57

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has contracted with Biobot to collect wastewater data on the Covid-19 variants at no cost to utilities. Biobot is still taking applicants, though they are filling quickly. I would recommend that any interested utilities email BioBot ASAP. Twice-weekly sampling for this phase 2 Biobot contract will begin on June 7th and last for 9 weeks. Approximately 320 utilities will be included, representing 100 million people. Data collected through this effort will be shared with participating utilities and will also be available in HHS Protect and on the CDC DCIPHER platform. For more information on this project, or for utilities to sign up, please contact BioBot at support@biobot.io.

-  **Denny Dart, EPA**06:23

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-  **Mary Barry**10:06

Could we consider holding a joint Clean Water and Drinking Water meeting?
It makes sense considering we are all ONE WATER.

-  **Cheri Cousens - GLSD**11:20

Great idea!

-  **Jennifer Pederson, Mass Water Works Assoc.**15:15

Sounds good to coordinate based on agenda items, agree there are crossover topics that warrant attention

-  * **Mickey Nowak, MA Water Environment Association**16:17

PFAS is a BIG wastewater issue also. PFAS in biosolids is already having very significant impact on disposal prices.

-  **Wendy Leo - MWRA**20:01

Any update on the schedule for draft regulation on CSO notifications?

-  * **Mickey Nowak, MA Water Environment Association**21:52

Will there be another Sewage Notification Stakeholder meeting?

-  **Jennifer Pederson, Mass Water Works Assoc.**25:41

Can you give an update on the status of the revisions to the surface water quality standards?

-  **Wendy Leo - MWRA**29:57

Integrated list of waters (Proposed and approved lists of impaired water bodies) comment period ends June 21.


<https://www.mass.gov/lists/integrated-lists-of-waters-related-reports>

-  * **Mickey Nowak, MA Water Environment Association**34:03

MA DEP - Thank you for hosting these calls It was a great idea

-  **Matthew.Sokop**34:08

Thanks!

-  **Lisa Dallaire**34:17
When in Sept?