2026 Collections Systems and Odor & Corrosion Specialty Conference

Agenda

November 5-6, 2026 | Webster Civic Center

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Day 1, November 5

9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Stephen Johnson, PE, Freese and Nichols, Collection Systems Chair Jennifer T. Almerico, PE, 5engineering & WEAT President Elect
9:15 AM	The Tale of Smoke Testing for Two Cities: The Key Considerations & Elements for Implementing a Successful Smoke Testing Program	Temple Williamson, Pipeline Analysis
9:45 AM	In the Zone: Modeling a Collections System to Determine an Existing Odor Control Facility's Zone of Influence	Vaughan Harshman, PE, V&A Consulting Engineers
10:15 AM	Networking Break	
10:45 AM	From Field Data to Action: Risk-Based Prioritization of Rehabilitation in Wastewater Collection Systems	Abhilash Srungarapati, PMP, ENV SP, Houston Public Works
11:15 AM	Microbially Induced Corrosion in Wastewater Systems - Structural Rehabilitation Inserts	Tom LaRue, Armorock Chris Juneman, Armorock
11:45 AM	So You Have a CIP, Now What? A Case Study in Planning for Project Implementation	Ethan Shires, PE, Freese and Nichols
12:15 PM	Keynote Speaker: Laura R. Wilson, PE, Deputy Director, Fort Worth Water	
1:15 PM	Addressing Troublesome, Persistent, and Challenging Odor Issues in a Fast-Growing Development	Eloy Saldivar, San Antonio Water System John Siczka, Jacobs
1:45 PM	Dig Deeper Before You Dig: A Constructability Framework for Smarter CIP Delivery	Katie Zheng, PE, PMP, Egis Mike Persyn, PE, Egis
2:15 PM	Networking Break	
2:45 PM	A Holistic Odor and Corrosion Mitigation Strategy for a Complex Large Diameter Interceptor System Experiencing Rapid Growth	Neepa Shah, PE, Hazen and Sawyer Brandon Stroup, North Texas Municipal Water District
3:15 PM	Collections Systems Panel	Arya Sarayloo, P.E., Houston Public Works Craig T. Crowder, PE, Trinity River Authority Marty Luke, NTMWD Derek Schwanke, PE, Egis *(moderator)*
4:15 PM	Day 1 Wrap-Up	
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Networking Event at Webster Civic Center		

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Day 2, November 6

9:00 AM	Welcome & Announcements	Suparna Mukhopadhyay, PE, Plummer, Odor and Corrosion Management Chair
9:15 AM	Odor Control Exhaust Stack Design: Reduce Impacts without Upgrading Technology	Richard J. Pope, PE, BCEE, Hazen and Sawyer
9:45 AM	Furthering the Conversation on Soil Corrosion to Better Understand the Asset Lifecycle of Buried Collection System Pipelines	Douglas Sherman, PE, Corrosion Probe, Inc.
10:15 AM	Networking Break	
10:45 AM	Chemical Addition for Addressing the Sulfide Challenge	Sean Trainor, PE, Xylem
11:15 AM	Odor & Corrosion Panel	Arya Sarayloo, P.E., Houston Public Works Brandon Stroup, NTMWD Neepa Shah, PE, Hazen and Sawyer *(moderator)*
12:15 PM	Adjourn	
12:20 PM	Collections Systems and Odor & Corrosion Systems Committee Meetings *(lunch provided)*	