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**THE RITZ CARLTON**  
AMELIA ISLAND, FL

**52<sup>ND</sup>**  
ANNUAL  
MEETING

**PVC PIPE:**  
**THE CLEAR CHOICE**  
**FOR LONG-TERM**  
**PERFORMANCE**





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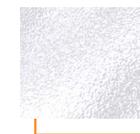
## KNOWLEDGE & NETWORKING

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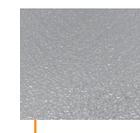
Each year Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association members come together for the Annual Meeting – the largest gathering of gasketed PVC pipe and fittings manufacturers in the world. Our guest speakers cover topics ranging from market assessments for gasketed PVC pipe, vinyl resin and related chemicals, to sustainability, technology, legislative affairs, and product certification. The participants come from around the globe, and their ranks include pipe and fittings manufacturers, resin and additive providers, equipment manufacturers, affiliated associations, and non-profit certification agencies.



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# PRESENTATION TOPICS

- ▶▶▶ New approaches for transporting PVC pipe;
- ▶▶▶ A look at the North American thermoplastics market;
- ▶▶▶ How PVC pipe is making rural water systems more efficient;
- ▶▶▶ The complex and evolving science behind microplastics;
- ▶▶▶ Ensuring EPA has the correct science about PVC pipes;
- ▶▶▶ How gasketed PVC water and sewer pipe became the material of choice at Dallas Water Utilities;
- ▶▶▶ Overview of the housing market and its impact on PVC water and sewer pipe demand;
- ▶▶▶ Highlights of the latest research from the Water Research Foundation;
- ▶▶▶ Understanding the environmental impact of underground piping materials;
- ▶▶▶ The impact of Florida's corrosive soils at St. Johns County Utility and its transition to PVC pipe;
- ▶▶▶ Connecting the PVC pipe industry with students, teachers, and communities;
- ▶▶▶ A summary of microplastic analysis conducted on PVC pipe and samples from drinking water utilities;
- ▶▶▶ A new report showing that recycled PVC can provide an 80-90% CO<sub>2</sub> savings compared to virgin PVC;
- ▶▶▶ Investment trends in U.S. public water and wastewater systems;
- ▶▶▶ And much more...



# SPEAKERS

## **RICHARD F. ANDERSON, PH.D.**

SENIOR ADVISOR, U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS WATER COUNCIL

## **TONY ALMEIDA, P.E.**

RETIRED, HALFF ASSOCIATES / DALLAS WATER UTILITIES

## **STEVEN L. BARFUSS, P.E.**

RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

## **CINDY BRAY**

EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER, PLASTICS INDUSTRY PIPE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## **LUDO DEBEVER**

GENERAL MANAGER, THE EUROPEAN PLASTICS PIPES AND FITTINGS ASSOCIATION

## **ALAN FLOOD, P.E., PMP**

SR. UTILITY ENGINEER, ST. JOHNS COUNTY UTILITY DEPARTMENT

## **PETER GREVATT, PH.D.**

CEO, THE WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## **FAN-YU KUO**

SENIOR ECONOMIST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS

## **DERMOT LINDSAY**

DIRECTOR, EARTHECO GLOBAL PTY LTD.

## **ANA LOPEZ**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAS VINYL AND GLOBAL SODIUM SULFATE, CHEMICAL MARKET ANALYTICS BY OPIS, A DOW JONES COMPANY

## **STEVEN J. MILLOY**

LAWYER, BIostatistician, AUTHOR, AND FORMER FOX NEWS COMMENTATOR

## **WADE PRICE**

CEO, EARTHECO GLOBAL PTY LTD

## **PETER ST. ONGE, PH.D.**

ECONOMIST, PROFESSOR, AND FORMER BARTENDER

## **BILL TEICHMILLER**

CEO, EJ WATER COOPERATIVE, INC.

## **EVE VITALE**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS FOUNDATION

## **DR. KIMBERLY WISE WHITE**

VICE PRESIDENT, REGULATORY AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL



# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote the use of longer-life, lower-maintenance, corrosion-proof gasketed PVC pipe in water and wastewater systems – for real sustainability, strength, and long-term asset management.



## INCREASING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF PVC PIPE



Expanding Demand  
for PVC  
Pipe Products



Consolidating PVC Pipe  
Industry Efforts to  
Promote its Products



Informing Public  
Opinion on  
PVC Pipe Use



# PROVEN PERFORMANCE THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME



# WELCOME DELEGATES



## ON BEHALF OF PVCPA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN OUR 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING!

Welcome to the PVC Pipe Association's 52nd Annual Meeting at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida. Thank you for your commitment and the investment you have made to help make the 2026 Annual Meeting a success!

Once again, we have a lineup of compelling speakers, an impressive roster of attendees, and an outstanding venue - ingredients that contribute to valuable information sharing and meaningful dialogue. Over the next three days you will hear about the exciting things happening in the gasketed PVC pipe and fittings industry as well as strategies to help expand market share for your products. Be sure to stay until the end of the meeting - 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 18th - so you don't miss any of our exceptional speakers.

Your delegate package includes the meeting program and delegate / spouse badge(s). Speaker presentations will be available in the "Members Only" section of PVCPA's website after the meeting. For your convenience, there is a map of the hotel grounds on page 15 indicating the locations for events. Please wear your badge for all meeting functions.

For those arriving early, we hope to see you at the Talbot Colonnade for the Pre-Meeting / Kickoff Reception on Sunday, March 15th from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. First-time attendees and new members are encouraged to arrive at 5:00 PM for a brief orientation with PVCPA's Board of Directors.

There will be a meeting of the Associate, International & Certification / Testing Member Committee on Monday, March 16th from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM following the general session. The Closing / Wrap-Up Reception takes place at Ocean Front Lawn on Wednesday, March 18th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. PVCPA Board Members will be in attendance and look forward to your participation.

Breakfast is provided daily for delegates from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM in the Salt Restaurant.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their generous support:



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While you are here, we hope you take the time to enjoy the many activities in Amelia Island and amenities offered by this exceptional property. We look forward to seeing you during your stay and to speaking with you at our social and other events.

CHAIR *Chuck Clark*

PRESIDENT & CEO *Bruce Hollands*



# PVCPA MAJOR GOALS



## MARKET SUPPORT

Identify, analyze, and capitalize on opportunities to preserve and expand markets for gasketed PVC pipe

## EDUCATION

Enhance knowledge and awareness of groups and individuals responsible for the promotion and use of gasketed PVC pipe

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Collect, interpret, and disseminate technical information on industry products and their applications

## ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Maintain cooperative relationships and activities with allied organizations in pursuit of PVCPA's mission

## ISSUES MANAGEMENT

Monitor and influence public issues that affect Association members

## INDUSTRY STATISTICS

Lawfully gather, consolidate, and disseminate industry sales, marketing, and production data

## STANDARDS + SPECIFICATIONS

Promote and assist in the development of standards, specifications, and practices that encourage proper use of gasketed PVC pipe

## NETWORKING + FORUMS

Encourage member interaction and understanding of issues and trends affecting the industry

## ORGANIZATIONAL COMPETENCY

Maintain an organizational structure that reflects the highest levels of volunteer and professional staff competency



# PVC PIPE: A PROVEN SOLUTION FOR A LOW-CARBON FUTURE

Modern water infrastructure requires materials that deliver durability, efficiency, and long-term sustainability. PVC pipe systems provide a proven solution, offering long service life, energy-efficient performance, and reliable leak protection to help utilities build resilient water and wastewater networks.



Long Lifespan



Lower Energy Footprint



Leak Reduction





# CONFERENCE GUIDELINES



## ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

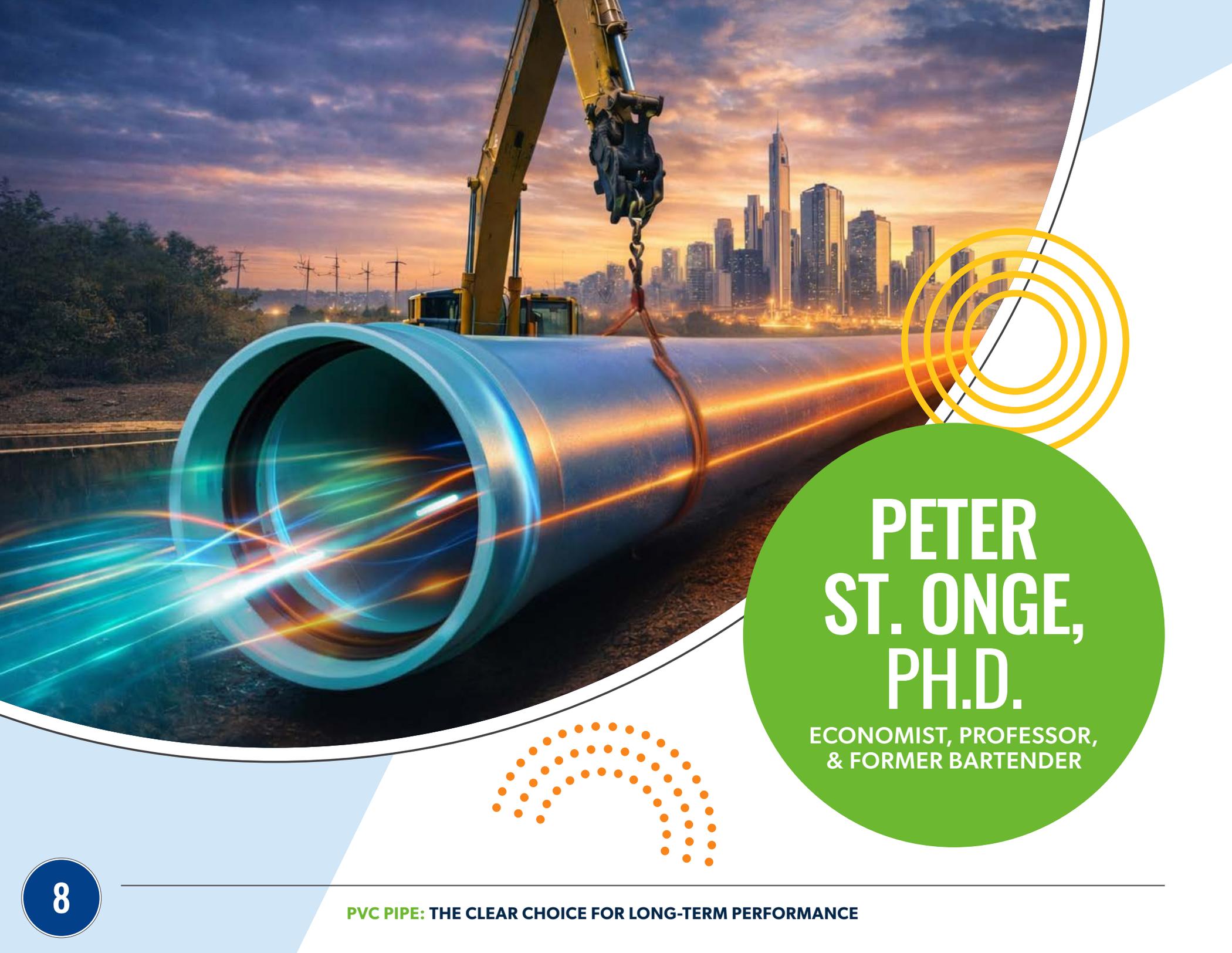
Antitrust laws prohibit agreements or understandings between two or more individuals or businesses to regulate prices or quantities of goods or services, to allocate customers or territories, to hinder or limit a competitor or potential competitor's operations, or otherwise unreasonably restrain business activity. Discriminatory pricing or servicing is also prohibited, as well as monopolization or attempts to monopolize.

Violation of antitrust laws is a felony and convicted individuals can be, and have been, imprisoned for up to three years. Corporations are subject to heavy fines. Violation of antitrust laws can also lead to civil actions which can result in treble damages and attorneys' fees. Every individual should, therefore, follow these rules:

- ▶ **DO NOT** discuss your prices or competitors' prices with a competitor (except when buying from or selling to that competitor) or anything which might affect prices such as costs, discounts, terms of sale, or profit margins.
- ▶ **DO NOT** agree with competitors to uniform terms of sale, warranties, or contract provisions.
- ▶ **DO NOT** agree with competitors to divide customers or territories.
- ▶ **DO NOT** act jointly with one or more competitors to put another competitor at a disadvantage.
- ▶ **DO NOT** try to prevent your supplier from selling to your competitor.
- ▶ **DO NOT** discuss your future pricing, marketing, or policy plans with competitors.
- ▶ **DO NOT** discuss your customers with your competitors.

## WITH RESPECT TO ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

- ▶ **DO NOT** make statements regarding prices or matters affecting prices at Association meetings.
- ▶ **DO NOT** make statements about your future plans regarding pricing, expansion, or other policies with competitive overtones, and **DO NOT** participate in discussions where other members do.
- ▶ **DO NOT** propose or agree to any standardization which will injure your competitor.
- ▶ **DO NOT** assume you are protected by informal advice from a government official.
- ▶ **DO** consult with the Association's legal counsel before speaking for the Association.
- ▶ **DO** alert Association staff and legal counsel to anything inaccurate or improper. This includes a position the Association has taken, or intends to take, or a meeting or activity of which you have learned.
- ▶ **DO** consult your own legal counsel, or the Association's legal counsel, before raising any matter which you feel might be sensitive.
- ▶ **DO** send copies to an Association staff member of any communications or documents sent, received, or developed by you when acting for the Association.
- ▶ **DO** alert every employee in your company who deals with the Association of these guidelines.
- ▶ **DO** leave any meeting where any of the foregoing topics are being discussed – and state why you are leaving.
- ▶ **DO** be conservative. If you feel an activity might be improper, do not do it.



**PETER  
ST. ONGE,  
PH.D.**

**ECONOMIST, PROFESSOR,  
& FORMER BARTENDER**



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER & FEATURE PRESENTATION



## MEET PETER ST. ONGE, PH.D.

Peter St. Onge holds a Ph.D. in Economics from George Mason University and is a former Professor of International Business at Taiwan's prestigious Feng Chia University. He has held executive positions at Japanese and American multinationals in telecoms infrastructure and consumer goods, and has been a Fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute, Montreal Economic Institute, and the Heritage Foundation, where he was the Mark Kolokotronis Fellow in Economic Freedom.

Peter's articles have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Globe and Mail*, and the *Eurasia Review*, and he is a frequent guest on TV including Charles Payne, Jesse Watters, and Maria Bartiromo. Mr. St. Onge produces daily videos on economics and freedom on X that get millions of views with 270,000 followers including Elon Musk. He speaks five languages and can still make a drinkable Long Island Iced Tea.

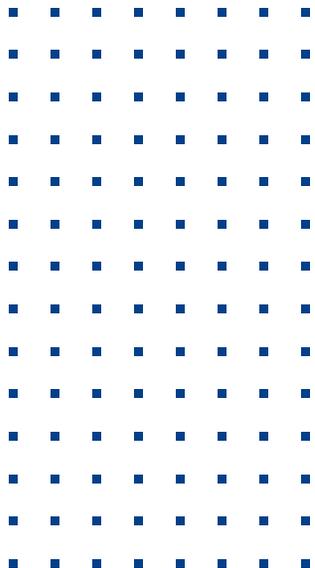
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## FEATURE PRESENTATION

# WE'RE AT AN INFLECTION POINT IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Since 1913 the U.S. economy has undergone a long coup by unelected bureaucrats and their crony sponsors. This half-killed the Golden Goose that used to make every generation unimaginably more prosperous than their parents and saddled American business and innovation with challenges our major competitors do not face – and they ran with it.

We now have an Administration that wants to smash that status quo to unleash American workers, business, and innovation. If President Trump succeeds, this levels the playing field and opens immense opportunities for PVC pipe given its overwhelming technological advantages versus competing old technology water infrastructure in an environment where government is no longer picking winners.





# SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



## STEVEN J. MILLOY

LAWYER, BIOSTATISTICIAN,  
AUTHOR, & FORMER FOX NEWS  
COMMENTATOR

Steven J. Milloy is an American lawyer, biostatistician, author, and former Fox News commentator and founder and editor of the blog [JunkScience.com](http://JunkScience.com), which publishes articles that refute misinformation from environmental activists and expose faulty scientific data and analysis. Steve has worked for numerous think tanks: he was Director of The Advancement of Sound Science Center; an Adjunct Scholar at both the Cato Institute and Competitive Enterprise Institute; and served on the Board of the Heartland Institute.

Milloy is author of "Scare Pollution: Why and How to Fix the EPA," which debunks many of the EPA's claims and exposes them as rank scientific fraud, but also offers a roadmap for fixing the rogue and out-of-control EPA. Today, Steve is a Senior Policy Advisor with the Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal), which promotes free market environmentalism. He recently served as key advisor on President Trump's transition team. Steve's insights into how to reform the EPA are being used at E&E Legal to help ensure the President's agenda is realized, such as returning sound and transparent science to EPA rulemaking.

Milloy holds a B.A. in Natural Sciences from Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Health Sciences in Biostatistics from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, a Juris Doctor from University of Baltimore, and a Master of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center.

## FEATURE PRESENTATION

# CORRECTING THE EPA'S STATEMENTS ON ALLEGED VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER LEACHING & BENZENE CONTAMINATION FROM PVC PIPES

The safety of PVC piping has been thoroughly evaluated for more than 70 years by federal regulatory agencies, independent certification organizations, and scientific studies. U.S.- and Canadian-made PVC pipe consistently meets or exceeds rigorous safety standards established by groups like NSF and ANSI. Yet false claims from environmental activists and competitive pipe materials persist. It is not helpful when the U.S. EPA has incorrect information on its website about PVC water pipe allegedly leaching vinyl chloride monomer or that it is a potential source of benzene contamination after wildfire events. As new scares about PFAS and microplastics become all the rage, it has never been more important to have a game plan to set the record straight with EPA.



# SPONSORED PRESENTATION



## WADE PRICE

**CEO, EARTHECO GLOBAL PTY LTD.**

Wade Price is CEO of Eartheco Global Pty Ltd., which provides packaging solutions to industries with a focus on safety and sustainability as well as environmental impact and cost reductions. An Eartheco partnership can deliver positive global impacts and significantly change current packaging processes. Wade is a logistics expert who has designed and delivered new supply chain innovations in Australia that were rolled out through multiple industries, delivering business cost reductions and safety improvements.

## DERMOT LINDSAY

**DIRECTOR, EARTHECO GLOBAL PTY LTD.**

Dermot Lindsay is a Director at Eartheco Global Pty Ltd., which provides packaging solutions to industries with a focus on safety and sustainability as well as environmental impact and cost reductions. Dermot specializes in financial planning and has developed and implemented a financial well-being strategy aimed at reducing financial stress in Australian workplaces. He also oversaw the outsourcing of the largest transition of funds under administration in Australian financial services history.

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## REVOLUTIONIZING PLASTIC PIPE TRANSPORTATION

About 60 million single-use timber frames are made annually to transport plastic pipes globally. In the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 25 million timber frames are used, costing the industry about \$175M USD every year. Incorporating reusable plastic frames into the North American plastic pipe packaging process could save over \$285M USD over three years. Learn how Eartheco can eliminate single-use timber frames along with the metal strapping and nails that end up in landfills.





# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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## TONY ALMEIDA



Tony Almeida, P.E., Retired, Halff Associates / Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) has over 50 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry, both in municipal engineering and private consulting. He started his career at DWU following his graduation from Texas Tech University in 1971. Tony's experience at DWU was in operations and ranged from planning, budgeting, contracts, design, and construction for both facilities and pipelines. In 2000 he joined Halff Associates where he managed large utility projects and programs for many north Texas cities. Tony is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Water Environment Federation, Water Pollution Control Federation, and the American Water Works Association, and serves on numerous committees. He has one U.S. patent and two under review, has published articles in several professional journals and has received several awards including the ASTM Fellow 1997 Paul Finn Award; American Society of Testing Materials International 2001 Award of Merit; and the 2014 Reinhart-Kuhlmann Award.

## STEVEN L. BARFUSS



Steven L. Barfuss, P.E., is a Research Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Utah State University (USU) in Logan, Utah, and Associate Director of the Utah Water Research Laboratory (UWRL). Steve has been employed at UWRL at USU since 1987. His research includes the physical and numerical modeling of hydraulic structures, understanding and solving flow measurement problems, and the evaluation and documentation of pipe friction, pipe failure, and pipe material sustainability. Steve has authored over 1,500 research reports and more than 50 peer-reviewed articles in technical journals while a researcher at USU.

## CINDY BRAY



Cindy Bray is Executive General Manager of the Plastics Industry Pipe Association of Australia (PIPA) and has over 23 years of experience in the plastics pipe sector. PIPA represents manufacturers, suppliers, fabricators, installers, and certification bodies for plastic piping in Australia and conducts research, education, and advocacy on behalf of the industry. Previously, Cindy was Product and Category Marketing Manager at Iplex, one of Australia's largest manufacturers of PVC, PE, PP, PE-X, and GRP pipeline products, where she led technical marketing, product development, and communications initiatives. Cindy holds an Executive MBA, a degree in Marketing and Communications, and is one of Australia's foremost experts on the sustainability attributes of plastic piping systems.

## RICHARD F. ANDERSON



Richard F. Anderson, Ph.D., is Senior Advisor to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council and Director of Energy. His responsibilities include federal policy advocacy, dissemination of best practices, and monitoring federal funding opportunities for the municipal water and energy sectors. Previously, Dr. Anderson was Director of Government Affairs at Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., an energy, solid waste, and water services company. He served as Co-Chair of the EPA's Federal Advisory Committee on the Industrial Combustion Coordinated Rulemaking from 1996 to 1997. Dr. Anderson was an Assistant Professor at Boston University's Program in Urban Affairs and Planning.



## LUDO DEBEVER



Ludo Debever is General Manager of The European Plastics Pipes and Fittings Association (TEPPFA), which focuses on water resilience, circular economy, and long-life, high-quality plastic pipe solutions. He has served the vinyl industry for more than 35 years in various international management roles including operations, marketing, risk management, communications, and finance at a leading global vinyl manufacturer, Deceuninck. From 2001 to 2003, Ludo was General Manager of the European PVC Window Profiles and Related Building Products Association (EPPA) where he set up collection and recycling initiatives throughout Europe to help the voluntary vinyl value chain initiative, VinylPlus, reach its recycling objectives. In April 2017, Ludo joined the European multi-material plastic pipe association, TEPPFA, as General Manager.

## ALAN FLOOD



Alan Flood, P.E., PMP, is Sr. Utility Engineer at St. Johns County Utility Department in St. Augustine, Florida where he is responsible for implementing water, sewer, and reclaimed water facility and pipeline projects. He has almost 40 years of experience in water and wastewater facilities including permitting, RFPs, specification writing, cost estimating, hydraulic analyses, project management, construction management, inspection, contract oversight, and compliance. Working across multiple disciplines to project completion, Alan has also managed large-scale international infrastructure programs in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Guam.

## PETER GREVATT



Peter Grevatt, Ph.D., is CEO of The Water Research Foundation (WRF), the leading research organization advancing the science of all water to meet the evolving needs of its 1,000+ subscribers and the water sector. WRF conducts research on the technology, operation, and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse, and stormwater systems to help ensure water quality and improve water services to the public. Dr. Grevatt previously served as Director of the EPA's National Drinking Water Program, Senior Advisor to the EPA's Administrator for Children's Environmental Health and held leadership roles in EPA's water quality and national hazardous waste cleanup programs.

## FAN-YU KUO



Fan-Yu Kuo is a Senior Economist at the National Association of Home Builders, specializing in comprehensive economic research with a focus on macroeconomics and forecasting. She regularly delivers economic updates and forecasts. Her research covers housing market trends, economic indicators, and their impact on the housing industry. She holds Master's Degrees in International Economics and Finance from Johns Hopkins University.



# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES CONTINUED



## **ANA LOPEZ**



Ana Lopez is Executive Director of Americas Vinyls and Global Sodium Sulfate at Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones Company, and has more than 20 years of experience analyzing petrochemical commodities markets. During her time with the company, she has worked in a wide variety of roles within polyolefins, chlor-alkali, and vinyls. Mrs. Lopez is a key resource for understanding and insight into the chlor-alkali and vinyls sectors of the petrochemical industry.

## **BILL TEICHMILLER**



Bill Teichmiller is CEO of EJ Water Cooperative, Inc., the largest regional water cooperative system in Illinois, with more than 3,200 miles of pipelines covering over 3,700 square miles, serving a population of 75,000. To keep water rates affordable, Bill developed ways to generate non-water revenues by contracting services like construction/maintenance, water testing, billing as well as accounting and other support to 23 neighboring water and wastewater systems. These partnerships are helping many rural communities in Illinois grow owing to reductions realized through regionalization of water systems. Mr. Teichmiller is a nationally and internationally recognized speaker due to his unique leadership approach and collaborative ways of operating a utility. He served as President of the Association of Regional Water Organizations and has spoken at the White House on the importance and positive impact of regionalization for rural communities.

## **EVE VITALE**



Eve Vitale is Chief Executive of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Foundation, which offers hands-on plastics education for K-12 students in the U.S. and Canada. Eve believes that education is the key to success for our youth and is proud to offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs to tens of thousands of students each year. Ms. Vitale has degrees in mechanical and manufacturing engineering, more than 15 years of experience in STEM-education and the non-profit sector, and expertise in recycled materials and plastics sustainability.

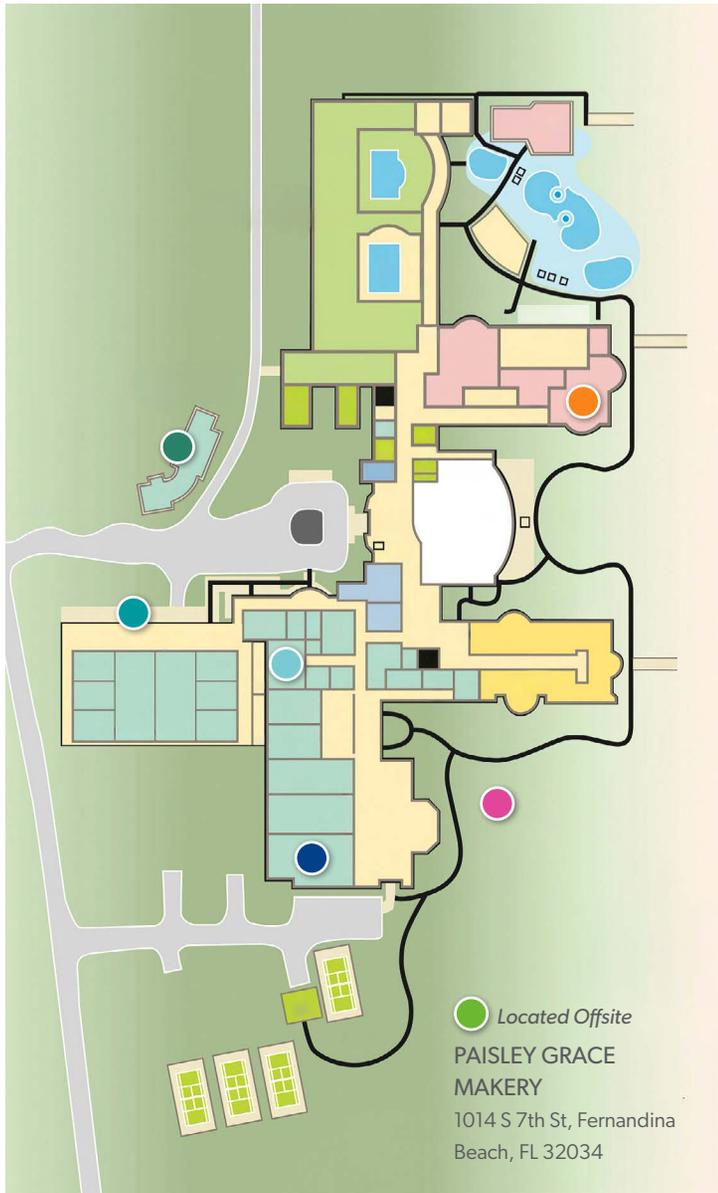
## **DR. KIMBERLY WISE WHITE**



Dr. Kimberly Wise White is Vice President, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs at the American Chemistry Council (ACC) where she oversees the development of ACC's policy positions in response to regulatory and legislative proposals. Kimberly leads a staff of experts who identify, analyze, and create technical and policy materials to support ACC's activities. Dr. White has more than ten years of experience in the chemical industry, focused on managing science policy issues, scientific research, and product stewardship programs to inform regulatory decision-making. She also served as Senior Director for ACC's Chemical Products and Technology Division, provided testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Committees, and worked as a Scientific Advisor for the oil and gas industry. Kimberly has a Master of Science in Biology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Toxicology from Texas Southern University.



# PROPERTY MAP & SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



## KEY

- TALBOT COLONNADE
- SALON 1
- PAISLEY GRACE MAKERY
- SALT
- THE GOLF CLUB
- DIRECTOR'S ROOM
- OCEAN FRONT LAWN



Breakfast is available daily for delegates from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM in the restaurant, **SALT**.



- Attire is business casual/slacks unless specified otherwise.
- Badges must be worn at all social events and presentations.

● Located Offsite  
PAISLEY GRACE MAKERY  
1014 S 7th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM @ Talbot Colonnade  
**FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES & NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM @ Talbot Colonnade  
**PRE-MEETING / KICKOFF RECEPTION**

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ Salon 1  
**GENERAL MEETING SESSION**

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM @ Paisley Grace Makery  
**SPOUSAL ORIENTATION**

12:00 PM to 12:30 PM @ Salon 1  
**MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATE, INTERNATIONAL & CERTIFICATION/TESTING MEMBER COMMITTEE**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM @ Salt  
**WELCOME & NETWORKING RECEPTION**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ Salon 1  
**GENERAL MEETING SESSION**

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM @ The Golf Club  
**PVCPA GOLF TOURNAMENT / ALTERNATE ACTIVITY**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ Salon 1  
**GENERAL MEETING SESSION**

12:30 PM to 4:00 PM @ Director's Room  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM @ Ocean Front Lawn  
**CLOSING/WRAP-UP RECEPTION**



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

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## MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM @ Salt  
**BREAKFAST**

8:00 AM – 8:40 AM @ Salon 1  
**JOINT MEETING OF PIPE & RESIN PRODUCERS, ASSOCIATE INTERNATIONAL & CERTIFICATION/TESTING MEMBERS**

8:40 AM – 8:45 AM @ Salon 1  
**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM @ Salon 1  
**REVOLUTIONIZING PLASTIC PIPE TRANSPORTATION**  
**Wade Price, CEO & Dermot Lindsay, Director, Eartheco Global Pty Ltd.**  
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## MONDAY, MARCH 16 CONTINUED

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**SPOUSAL ORIENTATION**

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM @ Salon 1  
**PVC: KEY DRIVERS AND TRENDS, FEEDSTOCK'S OUTLOOK, AND WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC FACTORS**

**Ana Lopez, Executive Director of Americas Vinyls and Global Sodium Sulfate, Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones Company**  
A look at capacity and demand in the global inorganics marketplace, with special emphasis on North America.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM @ Salon 1  
**THE SUCCESS OF PVC WATER MAINS IN U.S. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**Bill Teichmiller, CEO, EJ Water Cooperative, Inc.**  
EJ Water Cooperative is celebrating its 36th year of operations and installs only PVC pipe in its system of 3,200+ miles of water mains stretching over 3,700 square miles – comparable in size to the largest municipal utilities. Some of its PVC pipelines are more than 60 years old. Compared to other materials, the choice was clear many years ago because PVC pipe is easier and less expensive to install, has the lowest break rate, and lasts 100+ years. Asset management and life cycle costing show that PVC is the most sustainable and affordable water pipe. It is also safer than other materials because microbial film does not collect on its walls, which means less chemicals are needed to treat water carried through PVC pipelines, further reducing costs. Find out about PVC pipe's role in making EJ Water and other rural water systems the most efficient in the country.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
**BREAK**



## MONDAY, MARCH 16 CONTINUED

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM @ Salon 1

### THE SCIENCE OF MICROPLASTICS: FACTS, GAPS, AND FRONTIERS

**Dr. Kimberly Wise White, Vice President, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, American Chemistry Council**

Join us for a dive into the complex and evolving science behind microplastics. This presentation will discuss the research and science, offering a look at what we know – and what we still need to learn.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Salon 1

### CORRECTING EPA'S STATEMENTS ON ALLEGED VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER LEACHING AND BENZENE CONTAMINATION FROM PVC PIPES

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

**Steven J. Milloy, Lawyer, Biostatistician, Author, and Former Fox News Commentator**

**FEATURE PRESENTATION**

The safety of PVC piping has been thoroughly evaluated for more than 70 years by federal regulatory agencies, independent certification organizations, and scientific studies. U.S.- and Canadian-made PVC pipe consistently meets or exceeds rigorous safety standards established by groups like NSF and ANSI. Yet false claims from environmental activists and competitive pipe materials persist. It is not helpful when the U.S. EPA has incorrect information on its website about PVC water pipe. As new scares about PFAS and microplastics become all the rage, it has never been more important to have a game plan to set the record straight with EPA.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ Salt

### WELCOME & NETWORKING RECEPTION

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM @ Salt

### BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM @ Salon 1

### PVC PIPE: MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF USE IN DALLAS, TEXAS IN WATER AND WASTEWATER APPLICATIONS

**Tony Almeida, P.E., Retired, Halff Associates / Dallas Water Utilities**

New U.S. federal regulations and industry standards in the 1970s enabled the evolution from rigid pipe to flexible pipe systems to take place. Initially Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) relied on cast iron, later ductile iron, even asbestos cement pipes for water distribution and clay and concrete for wastewater collection systems. These materials were used across the U.S. due to their strength, but they were prone to corrosion, leaking, and required costly maintenance to comply with the new federal regulations. PVC pipe usage by DWU increased as part of broader national trends in water infrastructure modernization and compliance with regulatory mandates. DWU began installing PVC pipe in non-pressure applications in the 1960s before expanding its use to pressure pipes, especially in new developments and replacements in the early 1970s. Today, DWU manages over 5,000 miles of water mains and 4,000 miles of wastewater pipelines, and PVC is the material of choice for much of these systems due to its corrosion resistance, durability, lower cost, ease of installation, and joint integrity.

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM @ Salon 1

### HOUSING MARKET OUTLOOK

**Fan-Yu Kuo, Senior Economist, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)**

The housing market is an important sector which helps drive PVC water and sewer pipe demand. This session will provide an overview of the macroeconomy, housing market conditions, industry-level details on supply-side headwinds for housing, and the 2026 NAHB forecast for single-family and multifamily construction.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 CONTINUED

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

@ Salon 1

## THE WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION: DELIVERING ACTIONABLE WATER RESEARCH TO BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

**Peter Grevatt, Ph.D., CEO, The Water Research Foundation (WRF)**

Highlights from the latest WRF research, with a focus on priority topics addressing water distribution and collection.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

@ Salon 1

## LCAS AND EPDS: DRIVING CIRCULAR AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

**Cindy Bray, Executive General Manager, Plastics Industry Pipe Association of Australia (PIPA)**

Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) and Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for infrastructure products have become widely available as the focus on circularity and sustainability grows and governments as well as environmental agencies increasingly require this information for water and sewer pipeline projects. While LCAs and EPDs can also help manufacturers to better understand the environmental impact of their products, their increased availability has also led to unverified and often incorrect material comparisons. To address this, PIPA undertook an LCA examining infrastructure pipe materials. The study compared plastic pipes – PE, PVC-M, and PVC-O – with traditional ductile iron cement-lined (DICL) pipes in water applications, using consistent, functional performance criteria and Australia-specific data. By analyzing key indicators such as carbon emissions, water use, and waste generation, environmental data can be correctly applied to help utilities make more informed, sustainable infrastructure decisions.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**BREAK**

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 CONTINUED

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

@ Salon 1

## DUCTILE IRON PIPE TO PVC TO PVC-O: FROM LEGACY TO BETTER

**Alan Flood, P.E., PMP, Sr. Utility Engineer, St. Johns County Utility Dept.**

St. Johns County Utility Department (SJCUD) installed ductile iron (DI) pipe and fittings for potable, waste, and reclaimed water for many years – often because it was a lower cost in a government low-bid scenario. Over the years, the impact of Florida’s corrosive soils on the exterior and H<sub>2</sub>S on the interior took its toll on metallic pipes and appurtenances. All the while, PVC pipe became the dominant material as strength at increasing diameters was proven and restraints improved. PVC-O is the latest progression in material with improved strength and hydraulic capability. But wait, there’s more.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

@ Salon 1

## WE’RE AT AN INFLECTION POINT IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Peter St. Onge, Ph.D., Economist, Professor, and Former Bartender**

**FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Since 1913 the U.S. economy has undergone a long coup by unelected bureaucrats and their crony sponsors. This half-killed the Golden Goose that used to make every generation unimaginably more prosperous than their parents and saddled American business and innovation with challenges our major competitors do not face – and they ran with it. We now have an Administration that wants to smash that status quo to unleash American workers, business, and innovation.

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

@ The Golf Club

## PVCPA GOLF TOURNAMENT / ALTERNATE ACTIVITY



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

@ Salt

### BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

@ Salon 1

### PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT

**Bruce Hollands, PVC Pipe Association**

### TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND REGIONAL ENGINEER REPORTS

**Richard Nichols, Steve Cooper, Jay Parvez, Brooks Ryan, Alejandro**

**Ospina, PVC Pipe Association**

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

@ Salon 1

### BOOST YOUR BOTTOM LINE WITH POSITIVE PLASTICS EDUCATION™

**Eve Vitale, Chief Executive, Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Foundation**

SPE's Positive Plastics Education™ programs make it easy—and fun—to connect your mission with students, teachers, and your community. Fun always outsells reports and data deep dives, and our hands-on STEM activities will integrate your goals—public health, sustainability, and water infrastructure—into every experience. Students and your community will learn about the benefits of PVC pipe, encouraging some to become advocates for your industry and maybe even future employees. Education isn't just goodwill—it's a strategic investment.

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM

### BREAK

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 CONTINUED

10:20 AM – 10:50 AM

@ Salon 1

### RESEARCH ON PVC PIPE AND ASSOCIATED PVC MICROPLASTICS IN DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

**Steven L. Barfuss, P.E., Research Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Utah State University**

A summary of microplastic sampling and microplastic analysis conducted on a PVC pipe test loop in a laboratory as well as from drinking water utilities across the United States. Water samples were collected from participating utilities which were selected based on varying percentages of PVC pipe and other pipe materials in each system. Levels of PVC microplastics in collected water samples were then correlated to the actual pipe materials in the water systems from which the samples were taken.

10:50 AM – 11:20 AM

@ Salon 1

### NEW EU ENVIRONMENTAL DATASETS FOR RECYCLED MICRONIZED AND FLAKE PVC POWDER

**Ludo Debever, General Manager, The European Plastics Pipes and Fittings Association (TEPPFA)**

TEPPFA's latest report shows that recycled rigid PVC can provide an 80-90% CO<sub>2</sub> savings compared to virgin PVC. The calculations cover both micronized and granulated recycled material and can be directly applied in Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs). This presentation will outline the methodology followed, present the main Life Cycle Impact Assessment indicators for both r-PVC grades, and make the connection with EPDs.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 CONTINUED

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM

@ Salon 1

## INVESTMENT TRENDS IN U.S. PUBLIC WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS – FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOOST IS SIGNIFICANT BUT TERMINAL

**Richard F. Anderson, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council**

Public water and sewer systems in America face an investment gap of more than \$630 billion to maintain adequate, affordable, and safe systems. Local governments rely on bonds, loans and grants, combined with service revenues to support capital expenditure (Capex) spending on public water and wastewater systems. The latest annual spending data for 2023 indicates local governments invested \$171 billion. More recent Census data on Capex spending indicates that water system distribution lines and pumps exceeded \$18 billion. Sewer lines and pumps along with wastewater lines and drains, exceeded \$24 billion. Congressionally funded support programs are ending in 2026 and a “Snap-Back” to 2019 Capex levels could be on the horizon. These programs include the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Covid-19 stimulus provided by the CARES Act, and the \$53 billion in loans and grants from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

11:50 AM – 12:00 PM

@ Salon 1

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Chuck Clark, Vice President of Operations, JM Eagle**

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

@ Director’s Room

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING AND LUNCHEON

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

@ Ocean Front Lawn

## CLOSING/WRAP-UP RECEPTION



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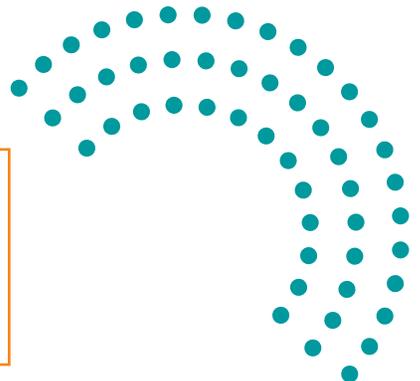
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