

# Water Quality in Southern New England: The Latest Research, Practice, and Policy

## Agenda

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8:00 am Registration | Exhibits & Networking

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9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

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**“Microplastics in the Environment”**

9:15 am Baoshan Xing  
*Professor and Director of Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

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**“Through the River and Over the Woods: Global PFAS Exposure and Implications for Ecosystem Health”**

10:00 am Lisa McIntosh  
*Senior Technical Manager, Woodard & Curran*

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10:45 am Morning Break

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**“Improving Water Quality One Field at a Time: NRCS Practices for Producers”**

11:00 am Nancy Ferlow  
*Connecticut Natural Resources Conservation Service*

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**“MassDEP’s Environmental Justice Initiatives to Improve Water Quality”**

11:45 am Dr. Padmini Das  
*Chief, Nonpoint Source Management Program, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection*

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12:30 pm Lunch | Exhibits & Networking

12:45 - 1:15 pm SWCS Southern New England Chapter Membership Meeting

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**“Implementing the Single Standards Act to Increase State Protection of Buffers for Freshwater Wetlands in Rhode Island”**

1:30 pm Chuck Horbert  
*Deputy Administrator, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Resources*

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**“Quality of Massachusetts Waters: Regulation, Improvement and Challenges”**

2:30 pm David Wong  
*Environmental Analyst, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection*

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3:15 pm Afternoon Break

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**“Wetlands and the MA Contingency Plan”**

3:30 pm Mia McDonald  
*Circuit Rider, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Central Regional Office*

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4:15 pm Closing Remarks

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4:20 pm Issuance of Certificates of Attendance | Submit Surveys | Return Name Tags

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