



About WEFTEC

Since its formation in 1928, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) has been holding annual meetings to provide a forum for knowledge and technology exchange within the water and wastewater fields.

Today, WEFTEC – WEF's Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference – is the best place for WEF members and water professionals from around the world to learn, connect, and explore new, regenerative ways to shape the future water.

WEFTEC Attendees

- Learn from sector leaders and their peers about the latest practices, technologies, solutions and regulations in the water quality field.
- Create your own WEFTEC experience with the most comprehensive 5-day technical and educational program available in the world.
- Earn up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and 16.5 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or a maximum of 36 Contact Hours.
- Network with thousands of the world's leading water and wastewater professionals.
- View the latest, cutting-edge technologies from more than 900 leading companies at the largest annual water quality exhibition in the world.

Who Comes to WEFTEC?

WEFTEC draws thousands of water and wastewater professionals from around the world each year, including:

- Collection Systems Managers
- Consultants
- Environmental Engineers/Chemists/Scientists
- Equipment Manufacturers and Representatives
- Top Executives, CEOs and General Managers
- Industrial Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals
- Local, State, and Federal Regulators
- Researchers from Academia and Private Industry
- Public Officials
- Students
- Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utility Managers
- Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Operators and many more.

A Leading Source in Water Quality

An increasing number of abstract submittals from experts in the water quality field results in a world-class technical program of technical sessions and workshops that addresses a diverse and comprehensive list of contemporary water and wastewater issues and solutions including:

- **Collection Systems**
Management, operations and maintenance, infrastructure, overflow reduction, wet weather planning, watershed approaches, and regulations
- **Energy Conservation and Management**
Resource recovery, combined heat and power, biogas optimization
- **Nutrient Removal and Recovery**
Watershed and facility level issues, facility design, process control, operations, research, shortcut nitrogen removal, carbon management, ultra-low phosphorus removal, nutrient recovery and reuse, modeling
- **Plant Design, Operations, and Treatment**
Innovations, technologies, process design, and proven solutions in water and wastewater treatment; including nutrient removal and odor control
- **Regulations**
Stormwater/MS4s, Nutrients, WIFIA, NPDES Streamlining, Lead and Copper Rule, TMDLs
- **Research**
Leading edge process applications in water and wastewater treatment and recent developments
- **Residuals & Biosolids**
Energy production, disposal, reuse through land application, research, regulations, politics, and public perception
- **Stormwater**
Treatment, green infrastructure, wet weather management, modeling, policies and regulations, research, and operations and maintenance
- **Utility Management**
Asset Management and financial planning for infrastructure, technology, regulatory compliance, workforce issues, and security, including environmental management systems (EMS)
- **Water Reuse/Recycling**
Research, regulations, emerging technologies, proven processes
- **Water Quality & Watershed Management**
Stormwater, wet weather, surface water, groundwater, and watershed issues including integrated management

The Water Quality Event

Throughout the years, WEFTEC has not only grown in the size of exhibits and technical sessions, but has become the leading water quality exhibition and conference.

In 1941, the then-known Annual Conference featured 5 sessions, 13 technical papers and an attendance of 556. By the 1970s, attendance had grown to almost 9,000 and featured 37 sessions with 146 technical papers. Growing steadily over the past four decades, WEFTEC continues to set new records each year.

Renamed WEFTEC in 1994 to increase both domestic and international recognition, WEF's annual conference is regularly recognized as a top trade show in North America and is the largest annual water quality exhibition and conference in the world.

15-YEAR SNAPSHOT

Year	Location	Net Square Footage	Number of Companies
2002	Chicago	201,540	793
2003	Los Angeles	192,390	801
2004	New Orleans	201,665	833
2005	Washington, DC	213,950	869
2006	Dallas	245,155	965
2007	San Diego	268,405	1,017
2008	Chicago	289,575	1,007
2009	Orlando	264,400	945
2010	New Orleans	295,405	985
2011	Los Angeles	284,150	923
2012	New Orleans	296,625	981
2013	Chicago	297,400	971
2014	New Orleans	303,075	1,028
2015	Chicago	311,800	1,033
2016	New Orleans	301,900	1,006
2017	Chicago	305,600	1,011

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