

## **About WEF (Water Environment Association)**

WEF's vision to "preserve and enhance the global water environment" is the basis for all WEF programs and activities. WEF is governed by a member appointed Board of Trustees acting on behalf of its membership to advance its mission of providing information, education, and resources to water quality professionals and the public.

### **WEF and its Members:**

- research and publish the latest information on wastewater treatment and water quality protection;
- provide technical expertise and training on issues including non-point source pollution, hazardous waste, residuals management and groundwater;
- sponsor conferences and other special events around the world;
- review, testify, and comment on environmental regulations and legislation.

### **WEF History**

WEF has guided technological development in water quality since 1928. Previously called the Federation of Sewage Works Associations (1928), the Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Associations (1950), and the Water Pollution Control Federation (1960); the name was changed to the Water Environment Federation in 1991 to reflect an expanded focus of non-point and point sources of pollution.

### **WEF Member Associations**

WEF's global network of Member Associations (MAs) provides water quality professionals around the world with education, training, and business opportunities.

### **WEF Committees**

WEF provides opportunities for its members to participate in committees to develop consensus positions for WEF on key technical and public policy issues; write Manuals of Practice and other technical publications; and develop education and training programs.

### **Public Education**

As leading source of water quality information, WEF develops programs and materials to help its members communicate with their target audiences about key water quality issues. Its goal is to increase an understanding of the direct role water and wastewater services has in the protection of public health, the economy, and the environment.

### **Stockholm Junior Water Prize**

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) is the most prestigious international youth award for a high school water science research project. In the United States, WEF and its MAs organize the U.S. national, state, and local competitions with support from ITT Industries and the Coca-Cola Company.

### **Water is Life, and Infrastructure Makes it Happen™**

Water is Life, and Infrastructure Makes it Happen™ is a new public education program designed to inform and motivate the public, ratepayers, and elected officials to invest in water and wastewater infrastructure.

### **World Water Monitoring Day™**

World Water Monitoring Day™ (WWMD) is an international outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world. Adopted by WEF in 2006, the program engages communities in monitoring the condition of local rivers, streams, estuaries and other water bodies.

### **Public Information**

As a leading source of water quality information, WEF informs public officials and the media about relevant and timely water quality issues through press conferences, news releases, congressional testimony, newsletters, article placement, and formal comments on regulatory and legislative matters.

### **Technical Training and Education**

WEF offers Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for successful completion of training programs, workshops, and seminars. Members can choose from self-paced and classroom courses for entry and advanced-level training; interactive CD-ROM-based training courses for operators; and a variety of self-study training

materials in print and electronic format. Quizzes on laboratory and wastewater treatment topics are also available online through the Skills Builder feature located under Conferences and Training on the homepage.

#### **Technical Publications**

WEF publishes more than 190 technical publications. These include peer-reviewed Manuals of Practice (MOPs) covering a range of water quality topics on design, operation and management issues.

#### **Magazines and Journals**

- World Water & Environmental Engineering
- Water Environment & Technology
- Water Environment Research

#### **Newsletters**

- Water Environment Laboratory Solutions
- Biosolids Technical Bulletin
- Industrial Wastewater Technical Bulletin
- Watershed & Wet Weather Technical Bulletin
- WEF Highlights
- Utility Executive
- Water Environment Regulation Watch

#### **WEFTEC® - The Water Quality Event**

WEFTEC (WEF's annual technical exhibition and conference) is North America's largest exhibition and conference on water quality and wastewater treatment technology and the largest annual water quality exhibition in the world. WEFTEC annually hosts more than 16,000 water quality experts from around the world and features over 600 technical presentations and 900 exhibiting companies.

#### **Specialty Conferences**

WEF's specialty conferences are held throughout the year and feature key water quality topics including collection systems, biosolids management, and odors/air emissions. WEF also addresses timely issues such as infrastructure security, asset management, pretreatment, NPDES permitting, and fats, oil and greases through workshops and special web casts. Conference papers are available year-round on CD or in WEF's online Market Place.

#### **National Clean Water Policy Forum**

The National Clean Water Policy Forum is a joint effort between WEF and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). The annual event brings together elected and appointed U.S. officials, government employees, and water quality experts to discuss recent trends in U.S. environmental policy, legislation, and regulation.

#### **WEF on the Web**

WEF has a number of websites designed to provide its members and the public with the latest water quality news and information; program and educational resources; annual and special events; and networking opportunities:

- [www.wef.org](http://www.wef.org) – WEF homepage
- [www.weftec.org](http://www.weftec.org) – WEFTEC homepage
- [www.waterislife.net](http://www.waterislife.net) – Water is Life, and Infrastructure Makes it Happen™
- [www.worldwatermonitoringday.org](http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org) - World Water Monitoring Day™
- [www.biosolids.org](http://www.biosolids.org) – National Biosolids Partnership

#### **WEF Headquarters**

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