



*Presents the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**INDUSTRIAL WASTE SEMINAR**  
**&**  
**SWOWEA Section Meeting**

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Manor House  
7440 Mason Montgomery Road  
Mason, Ohio 45040

*Hosted by*  
**SWOWEA INDUSTRIAL WASTE COMMITTEE**

Barb Swafford	GSES	Evan McGuffey	MSDGC
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Jesse Jones	Butler County W&S	Alicia Pater	City of Hamilton
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**SWOWEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025-26**

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Jim Boyd	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Director, Greene County Sanitary Engineering
Ed Smith	Past President, City of Mason

***SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S SEMINAR: 1/28/2027!***

***Evening Mixer: Join us at Warped Wing Brewpub for Refreshments and Snacks***  
***5650 Tylersville Rd, Mason, OH 45040 – Just Minutes from Manor House!***

## AGENDA

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration	Lobby
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Exhibitors Area (Magnolia Room)
<b>Morning – Augusta Room</b>		
8:10 – 8:15 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – <i>Jeff Frechtling, Co-Chair</i>	
8:15 – 9:00 AM	<b>Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water Updates for 2026</b> <i>Tom Lipp and Rob Zimmer, Ohio EPA</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
9:00 – 9:45 AM	<b>Synthica Energy – Organic Waste to Renewable Natural Gas</b> <i>Rob Birkenhauer and Shane Paxton, BCI and Jason Wert, Rettew</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Morning Break with Refreshments	(Exhibitors Area – Magnolia Room)
10:15 – 11:15 AM	<b>How to Respond to the Unexpected: Industrial Slug Loading</b> <i>Sandy Bernard, Lochmueller Group</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-OM – 1.0 hr)	
11:15 – 12:00 PM	<b>Data Center Considerations for Municipal Providers</b> <i>Tim Harrison, Paul Krehbiel, and Ken Horner, Hazen</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and SWOWEA Section Meeting <i>Chris Zdinak - SWOWEA President</i>	(Magnolia Room)
<b>Afternoon – Augusta Room</b>		
1:00 – 1:15 PM	<b>Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award</b> <i>Sharon Vaughn</i>	
1:15 – 1:45 PM	<b>What a GEM</b> <i>George Jones, SugarCreek</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-OM – 0.5 hr)	
1:45 – 2:30 PM	<b>Ohio AFFF Takeback Program and Destruction of AFFF using SCWO</b> <i>Joe Tarsavage, Battelle</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Break with Refreshments	(Exhibit Area – Magnolia Room)
3:00 – 3:45 PM	<b>Environmental Criminal Enforcement</b> <i>Chris Wilson and Sean Lawlor, U.S. EPA</i> (OWEA-xxxxxx-X – 0.75 hr)	
3:45 – 3:50 PM	<b>Closing Remarks and Raffles</b> – <i>Barb Swafford, Co-Chair</i>	
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