



Presents the 36th 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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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)
Morning – Augusta Room		
8:10 – 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks – Jeff Frechtling, Co-Chair	
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water Updates for 2026 Tom Lipp and Rob Zimmer, Ohio EPA (OWEA-xxxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Synthica Energy – Organic Waste to Renewable Natural Gas Rob Birkenhauer and Shane Paxton, BCI and Jason Wert, Rettew (OWEA-xxxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Morning Break with Refreshments	(Exhibitors Area – Magnolia Room)
10:15 – 11:15 AM	How to Respond to the Unexpected: Industrial Slug Loading Sandy Bernard, Lochmueller Group (OWEA-xxxxxxx-OM – 1.0 hr)	
11:15 – 12:00 PM	Data Center Considerations for Municipal Providers Tim Harrison, Paul Krehbiel, and Ken Horner, Hazen (OWEA-xxxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and SWOWEA Section Meeting Chris Zdinak - SWOWEA President	(Magnolia Room)
Afternoon – Augusta Room		
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award Sharon Vaughn	
1:15 – 1:45 PM	What a GEM George Jones, SugarCreek (OWEA-xxxxxxx-OM – 0.5 hr)	
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Ohio AFFF Takeback Program and Destruction of AFFF using SCWO Joe Tarsavage, Battelle (OWEA-xxxxxxx-OM – 0.75 hr)	
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Break with Refreshments	(Exhibit Area – Magnolia Room)
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Environmental Criminal Enforcement Chris Wilson and Sean Lawlor, U.S. EPA (OWEA-xxxxxxx-X – 0.75 hr)	
3:45 – 3:50 PM	Closing Remarks and Raffles – Barb Swafford, Co-Chair	
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