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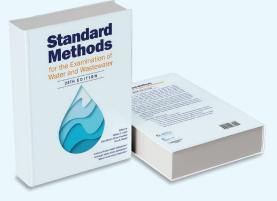
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# WEF Forum: Intensification of Resource Recovery

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Research Triangle
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> Monday, March 20 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Coffee will be provided inside the session room at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21

Room: Chimney Rock 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Opening Session Monday, March 20 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Welcome to the WEF IR<sup>2</sup> Forum 2023: What to Expect

Erika Bailey, Raleigh Water Rahil Fofana, DC Water

George Sprouse, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

2023 IR2 Forum Co-Chairs

1:35 p.m. The IR<sup>2</sup> Forum – Its Goals, History, and Impact

Jeff Moeller, WRF

Jim McQuarrie, TetraTech

1:50 p.m. The Why and How of Intensification and Where the IR<sup>2</sup>

Forum Fits in – A Case Study Erika Bailey, Raleigh Water

2:00 p.m. Intensification Successes, Pivots, and Discussion of How

These Experiences May Inform Development of Emerging Intensification Technologies

Personal stories and facilitated discussions among Innovators and Implementers

Facilitated by Sudhir Murthy, NEWhub

#### Topics:

- THP
- ❖ MABR
- Phosphorus Recovery and Dewaterability Improvements
- Brainstorming discussion on newer/emerging technologies to understand challenges and brainstorm pivots

2:40 p.m. Introduction of the 2023 IR<sup>2</sup>Forum's Sessions

Steering Committee Session Leads

2:55 p.m. Partners in Innovation and Intensification

3:00 p.m. Session Adjourns for Networking Coffee Break

Session 1: Operationalizing Densification and Granular Sludge Monday, March 20 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session development leads: Isaac Avila and Sudhir Murthy

Description: This session will highlight three of the processes which have gained industry traction for activated sludge intensification through microbial selection. Presentations will be given by vendors, consulting, and utilities with extended operating experience, allowing for knowledge transfer as to the operational strategies, instrumentation, and controls that can provide a toolbox for process engineers and operators. A facilitated discussion will follow the technical presentations.

3:30 p.m. Introduction: Utility and Operational Drivers and

Perspective of AGS

Blair Wisdom, Metro Water Recovery

3:40 p.m. Technology Presentations

3:40 p.m. Aqua Aerobics – Nereda

Bryce Figdore, HDR

3:55 p.m. World Water Works - InDense

Eric Staunton, CDM Smith

4:10 p.m. Nuvoda – MOB

Jason Calhoun, Nuvoda Tony Dolan, Moorefield, WV

4:25 p.m. Outro: Case Study - Strengths and Differentiators of

Densification

Isaac Avila, Black & Veatch Bryce Figdore, HDR

4:35 p.m. Facilitated Discussion

5:00 p.m. Session Adjourns for Evening Networking Reception

Session 2: Novel Application of Membranes/MABRs Tuesday, March 21 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Session development leads: Rob Nerenberg and Jeff Peeters

8:30 a.m. Introduction

Glen Daigger, University of Michigan

8:40 a.m. MABR Technology State of the Art

8:40 a.m. Overview

Glen Daigger, University of Michigan

8:45 a.m. Utility perspective #1 - CAS upgrade for process

intensification

Tim Constantine, Jacobs

8:50 a.m. Utility perspective #2 – sustainable

decentralized WWT Neri Nathan, Fluence

8:55 a.m. Facilitated Discussion

9:05 a.m. Emerging MABR Applications

9:05 a.m. Veolia

Jeff Peeters, Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions

9:12 a.m. Fluence

Neri Nathan

9:20 a.m. Facilitated Discussion

9:30 a.m. Novel Membrane Application

9:30 a.m. Technology #1 - Direct Nanofiltration by NX

**Filtration** 

Tony Fuhrman, NX Filtration

9:40 a.m. Technology #2 - MemGas Biogas Upgrading

Kristina Gerber, Veolia Water Technologies &

Solutions

9:50 a.m. Technology #3 - Taron by Xylem: A More Cost

Effective MBR System Using Dynamic Membrane

Wenjun Liu, Xylem

10:00 a.m. Session Adjourns for Networking Coffee Break

Session 3: Advanced Primary Treatment Tuesday, March 21 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session development leads: Onder Caliskaner and Jose Jimenez

To improve primary treatment performance and efficiency, several Advanced Primary Treatment (APT) technologies such as filtration and micro-screening have been developed to augment or replace conventional primary treatment. APT technologies have shown major benefits for Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRF) including energy savings, intensification, and performance enhancement. This session is designed to engage discussion between the attendees and the forum speakers to highlight essential innovation, design, and operational criteria for successful implementation of APT technologies at WRRFs.

10:30 a.m. Overview of Advanced Primary Treatment
Onder Caliskaner, Caliskaner Water Technologies

10:45 a.m. Technology Presentations

10:45 a.m. Cloth Disk Primary Filtration

Terry Reid, Aqua Aerobics Systems

11:00 a.m. AAA

Sudhir Murthy, NEWhub

Thomas Worley-Morse, Metro Water Recovery

11:15 a.m. Proteus Filter

Amit Kaldate, Tomorrow Water Leon Downing, Black & Veatch

11:30 a.m. Facilitated Panel Discussion

12:00 p.m. Session Adjourns for Lunch

Session 4: Intensification of Anaerobic Digestion Tuesday, March 21 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Session development leads: Chris deBarbadillo and Kati Bell

1:30 p.m. Intro and Technology Overview

Chris Wilson, HRSD

1:40 p.m. Limiting Factors for Anaerobic Digestion

Intensification

Matt Higgins, Bucknell

1:50 p.m. Panel Members Round Robin

Bill Barber, Cambi Gerhard Forstner, CNP

Kristina Gerber, Veolia Water Technologies & Systems

Ian Piro, Anaergia

Peter Schauer, Clean Water Services

Facilitated by: Rashi Gupta, Carollo

Chris deBarbadillo, Black & Veatch

With support from: Tom Nangle, Brown and Caldwell

3:00 p.m. Session Adjourns for Networking Coffee Break

## Session 5: Beating Best Practice – Development in Carbon Efficient Nitrogen Removal

Tuesday, March 21 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session development leads: Jim McQuarrie and Jose Jimenez

3:30 p.m.	Overview Haydee De Clippeleir, DC Water
3:40 p.m.	Advanced Aeration Control Steve Kestel, APG Neuros
3:50 p.m.	Sensors for Advanced Aeration Control Susan Guswa, Woodard and Curran
4:00 p.m.	Utility Experience Gregory Pace on behalf of WSSC Water
4:10 p.m.	<b>Detour-PdNA</b> Chandler Johnson, World Water Works
4:20 p.m.	BAF PdNA Larry Li, Veolia Water
4:30 p.m.	<b>Utility Experience with PdNA</b> Mike Parsons, HRSD
4:40 p.m.	Utility Experience with PdNA Wendell Khunjar, on behalf of Fairfax County
4:50 p.m.	Facilitated Discussion Katya Bilyk, Hazen and Sawyer Pusker Regmi, Brown and Caldwell
5:00 p.m.	Session Adjourns for Evening Reception

#### Session 6: Machine Learning – Use of Data in Automation for Treatment Processes

Wednesday, March 22 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Session development leads: Ana Pena-Tijerina and Fenghua Yang

8:30 a.m. Introduction

Katya Bilyk, Hazen and Sawyer

8:45 a.m. Utility Perspective

Elkin Hernandez, DC Water

9:00 a.m. Case Studies

9:00 a.m. WRF study - WRF 5121 ODIN (Hybrid Nutrient

Controller)

Bruce Johnson, Jacobs

Adrienne Menniti, Clean Water Services Keaton Larson Lesnik, Maia Analytica

9:15 a.m. The Intersection of Machine Learning, Digital

Twins, and Industrial Control at HRSD

Jeff Sparks, HRSD

9:30 a.m. Data Wrangling at Metro and Experience Using

Alteryx

Dan Freedman, Metro Water Recovery

9:45 a.m. Neuse River RRF Flow Prediction Tool

Erika Bailey, Raleigh Water Katya Bilyk, Hazen and Sawyer

10:00 a.m. AI/ML Solutions

Brian Vu, Xylem

10:15 a.m. Facilitated Panel Discussion

Ana Pena-Tijerina, Plummer

10:30 a.m. Session Adjourns for Networking Coffee Break

## Session 7: Non Reverse Osmosis Advanced Water Treatment for Reuse Applications

Wednesday, March 22 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session development leads: Kati Bell and Charles Bott

This session will host short presentations at the front followed by an interactive facilitated discussion focusing on the state of technology in this topic area, with the intent to seek input on development at future, targeted events and projects.

11:00 a.m. Introduction and Purpose
 Charles Bott, HRSD
 11:10 a.m. Flow Sheets for Non-RO Based Treatment for Potable
 Reuse – Costs, Benefits, and Key Technical Challenges
 Kati Bell, Brown and Caldwell
 11:30 a.m. Regulatory Perspectives on Non-RO Based Treatment –
 Opening the Door for Potable Reuse at Inland Utilities
 John Rehring, Carollo
 11:50 a.m. Facilitated Discussion on Industry Needs and Future
 Events
 Charles Bott, HRSD

12:00 p.m. Session Adjourns for Working Lunch and Closing Session

Closing Session Wednesday, March 22 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Introduction, Key Themes, and Takeaways

Erika Bailey, Raleigh Water Rahil Fofana, DC Water

George Sprouse, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

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12:35 p.m. Advancing Innovation in the Wastewater World

John Norton, Great Lakes Water Authority

Facilitated Discussion to follow: What utilities really need from consultants, academics, equipment developers, and WEF

2:00 p.m. Forum Adjourns

#### FORUM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

# WEF Forum 2023: Intensification of Resource Recovery (IR^2)

# Overall Event Layout

Wednesday, March 22 Day 3 and Departure	BREAKFAST (for Embassy Suites guests) 8:30am-10:30am Session 6: Machine Learning - Use of Data in Automation for Treatment Processes Coffee Break 10:30-11am	Non RD Adv Water Treatment for Reuse Applications 12:00pm-12:30pm WORKING LUNCH (in formal break)	12:30pm-2:00pm Closing Session			
Tuesday, March 21 Day 2	7:15am-8:15am BREAKFAST (for Embassy Sultes guests) 8:30am-10:00am Session 2: Novel Application of Membranes/MABRs Coffee Break 10-10:30am 10:30am-10:30am Advanced Primers Treatment	12:00pm-1:30pm	LUNCH BREAK	Session 4: Intensification of Digestion Coffee Reas 3-3-30nm	Session 5: Low Carbon Nutrient Removal (Including PdNA)	5:00pm-6:00pm Evening Reception [Reception continues until 7:00pm for Embassy Suffes guests]
Monday, March 20 Arrival and Day 1		12:00pm-1:30pm	Registration Open & Check-in approx 1:30pm	Opening Session	3:30pm - 5:00pm Session 1: Aerobic Granular Sludge	5:00pm-6:00pm Evening Welcome Reception [Reception continues until 7:00pm for Embassy Suffes guests]

#### **UPCOMING WEF EDUCATION & TRAINING EVENTS**

#### **WEF/AWWA Utility Management Conference**

March 28-31, 2023 Sacramento, California www.wef.org/utilitymanagement

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June 27-30, 2023 Kansas City, Missouri www.wef.org/collectionsystems www.wef.org/stormwatersummit

#### WEF Circular Water Economy Summit

July 18-20, 2023 Nashville, Tennessee www.wef.org/cwesummit

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