National Water Policy Fly-in 2024

Debrief & Brainstorm

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AKA “The DC Fly-in”

• What is WEF’s DC Fly-in
  • Brings together water professionals from across the U.S to meet with lawmakers in the nation’s capital, share their water stories, and advocate on behalf of clean water
  • Opportunity to ‘walk the halls of Congress’ and be heard
  • Organized by - WEF, NACWA, WRA
• Part of WEF’s water advocacy program
Why is the Fly-in Important?

• The clean water industry needs funding, resources, appropriate legislation and regulation.
  • Fly-in provides opportunity to inform lawmakers about the work we do and the resources needed to ensure clean water.
  • Other industries do it.
  • If we don’t advocate for clean water, who will?
So, How Does it Work?

- Team up with MA colleagues
- Schedule meetings
- Prepare for the meetings
- Sign up for the Fly-in
- Meet with legislators, share your stories
- Communicate, follow up

Be the ‘squeaky wheel’.

Make a difference for clean water
2024 Fly-in Stories and Stats

• 363 Registrants
• 41 states represented + DC
• 18 Young Professionals supported by WEF
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2025 Fly-in: Get Ready!
Participation Exercise

• We’d like your input on the Fly-in approach and process

1. Brainstorm at your tables, using the questions as prompts
2. Each person answer the survey – add your name
3. Each table report out (pick a spokesperson)
Thanks for your Participation & Ideas

Become a WEF Water Advocate

...and/or reach out to Peter Garvey or Kristiana Dragash to learn more about water advocacy in the HOD