

AZ WATER PRETREATMENT/FOG FALL WORKSHOP – DAY ONE

Location: Desert Willow Conference Center

Date: Tuesday, November 17th, 2026

Time: 7:30a-4p

Schedule

7:30 – 8a	Check-In & Breakfast	Committee
8 – 8:15a	Welcome – Josh Pfaff, PT/FOG Chair & Jason Joynes, AZ Water President	
8:15 – 9:15a	A Review of Pretreatment Annual Reports and the Differences Between PCAs and PCIs	Ben Karls & Tyler Doherty, ADEQ
9:15 – 9:30a	Sponsor Spotlight – BMP Compliance	
9:30 – 10a	Break & Vendors	
10 – 10:45a	Automating Industrial Pretreatment Reporting with AI: Where It Belongs and Where It Doesn't	Eric Snell, NJB Soft
10:45 – 11a	Sponsor Spotlight – BMP Compliance	
11 – 11:30p	It's not their Business - Educating Business Owners on Compliance	Christine Nuñez, City of Phoenix
11:30a – 12:30p	Networking Lunch & Vendors	
12:30 – 1:15p	When Pretreatment Fails: True Stories of How to Prevent Them	Joshua Balentine, Brown & Caldwell
1:15 – 1:45p	EPA Region 9 Updates (Virtual)	Amelia Whitson, EPA
1:45 – 2p	Sponsor Spotlight – WEECI	
2 – 2:30p	Break & Vendors	
2:30 – 3:15p	The Colors of Wastewater	Chelsey Mc Cluskey, City of Phoenix
3:15 – 4p	Enforcement of Phoenix's Pretreatment Program: Equal Application and Progressive Escalation	Milton Sanchez and Kyle Smith, City of Phoenix
4:30p	Closing Remarks - Happy Hour @ Salt Fire Brewery Co. Sponsored by Brown & Caldwell and WEECI	

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8 – 8:45a	Concrete and Interceptors - What is the Chemistry Telling Us?
8:45 – 9a	Sponsor Spotlight – Schier
9 – 9:30a	Coagulant usage in an industrial grease interceptor
9:30 – 10a	Break & Vendors
10 – 11a	City of Reno: Operation Grease Trap: Inside the Joint Investigation That Stopped a Regional Dumping Scheme!!
11 – 11:30a	Bridging the Plant Operations and Pre-treatment Gap: Two Years of Real-Time Wastewater Influent and Biomass Health Monitoring at the City of Phoenix
11:30a – 12:30p	Networking Lunch & Vendors
12:30 – 1:15p	How to Conduct FOG Inspections
1:15 – 1:45p	It's not the Software, It's the People: Change Management Lessons from Flagstaff's FOG Rollout
1:45 – 2p	Sponsor Spotlight – Swift Comply
2 – 2:30p	Break & Vendors
2:30 – 2:45p	Sponsor Spotlight – Mehall Contracting
2:45 – 3:45p	Local Pretreatment/FOG Program Panel Discussion
3:45 – 4p	Closing Remarks

Speaker

Committee
Eric Thompson - Schier
John Mercer, Light Industrial Wastewater Design
Chris Gravenstein, City of Reno
Vibhu Srinivasa, SENTRY/USALCO
Joseph Jenkins, EEC Environmental
Gillian Gillespie, SwiftComply & Jolene Montoya, City of Flagstaff
Josh Pfaff