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## Sanitation District No.1 of Northern KY Former Executive Director Jeff Eger now leading WEF

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Jeff Eger, former Executive Director of Sanitation District 1 (SD1) in Fort Wright, Kentucky, assumed leadership of the Water Environment Federation (WEF) in January. WEF's Board of Trustees first announced Eger's hiring as the organization's new Executive Director in December.

"It is an extreme honor to join such a dedicated team of water professionals. The volunteer leadership and staff have been quite helpful during this transition," said Eger. "I couldn't be more optimistic about WEF's future, and look forward to being a part of these efforts."

During his 16-year tenure with SD1- the second largest public sewer utility in Kentucky with \$1 billion in assets-Eger developed and implemented a regional stormwater management program to comply with U.S. EPA's regulations, and began taking responsibility of public stormwater collection systems in 2009. He also supervised the regionalization of 30 municipal sanitary sewer systems in

response to pending federal environmental regulations and legislative changes.

In addition, Eger has vast experience in working with organizations active on the regional and national levels. He is a member and past chairman of The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (the water pollution control agency for the Ohio River and its tributaries) and also chairs the Wet Weather Partnership, a national organization dedicated to seeking environmentally responsible solutions to urban wet weather issues. Eger earned a Communications degree from Northern Kentucky University.

A full Q&A, including Eger's immediate and future plans for the Federation, is available at [http://www.kytnwea.org/Eger/Jeff\\_Eger\\_Q&A.pdf](http://www.kytnwea.org/Eger/Jeff_Eger_Q&A.pdf).

"We are very excited to now have Jeff on board and look forward to working with him to further WEF's mission of preserving and enhancing the global water environment," said WEF President Jeanette Brown.



WEF Executive Director Jeff Eger

### WATER HEROES:

## Donald Blackburn

#### Title:

General Manager  
of Utilities

#### Employer:

City of Berea, KY

#### Years in Water

Quality: 27



### Why are you a Water Quality Professional?

This is actually a two-part question – why I started and why I stayed? I attribute my start in the water quality profession as an act of God. I had been self employed in Lexington and had to "close shop". I had been applying for engineering/construction management jobs, but had been unsuccessful. The position of superintendent for the Berea Sewer Commission became available in my hometown. I applied and was the second chosen until the person offered the position suddenly decided he did not want it. I became gainfully employed and have stayed with it for 27 plus years.

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The reason I have stayed is because of the people involved in the profession. We all know that "water quality" is just a fancy name for what can be a nasty business. It takes a special breed of people to dedicate themselves to this profession and I am talking about the guys in the ditches, those that clean the tanks, those that unstop the lines, those that operate the plants, as well as those that design and manage the facilities.

### **What is your biggest achievement as a water quality professional?**

Any achievements are not mine alone. Again I refer to the first response and want to point out that our successes came

because of the people involved. For example, in the late 1980's, Berea built an "innovative designed" WWTP that could not meet water quality standards for an extended period of time. Our operators took extraordinary measures to keep the plant in compliance while redesign and reconstruction took place. That is but one example of many things that have been achieved for the sake of good water quality over the years.

I will state that my biggest HONOR is to have been selected by my peers to receive the S. Leary Jones award.

### COMMITTEE UPDATE:

## Young Professionals Local Events

The Young Professionals have hosted local lunch and learns and socials to try and get more involvement in both AWWA and WEA.

The Nashville YPs got together on November 9th for a lunch and learn at Metro Water Services for a presentation on the Flood Recovery Efforts of three facilities. Dale Mosley, with Gresham, Smith & Partners, presented on the recovery efforts at the K.R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant; Heather Crabtree, Ken Cox, and Ron Taylor, all with Metro Water Services, presented on the recovery efforts at the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant; Patrick Moore, with Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, presented on the recovery efforts at the Biosolids Facility; and Roy Denney, with Metro Water Services, took everyone on a tour of the Biosolids Facility. A big thanks goes out to all the speakers and to Southern Sales for sponsoring the lunch.

The Louisville YPs hosted a lunch and learn on December 17th at Louisville MSD. Chuck Anderson, with Strand Associates, presented "Picking a Pump in 30 minutes or Less". A big thanks goes out to Mr. Anderson and to ITT Flygt, for sponsoring the lunch.

The Lexington YPs got together for a social on December 14th at Marikkas. A good time along with valuable networking was had by all.

Knoxville YPs hosted a lunch and learn on December 14th at Cannon and Cannon, Inc. Jennifer Baldwin, with CH2M Hill, presented "Drinking Water Regulations – what are Stage 2 DBPR & Long Term 2 EWSTR". A big thanks goes out to Ms. Baldwin and to CH2MHILL for sponsoring the lunch.

More activities will be occurring in the new year so please contact the following for additional information about the local YP activities.

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### COMMITTEE UPDATE:

## KY-TN Young Professionals Conference

The KY-TN Young Professionals Committee held their fourth annual Young Professionals Conference on September 24, 2010 at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The conference included four great speakers and a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the aquarium.

Kick starting the conference off was Bernard Maloy, Past Chair and Director for AWWA, who discussed the importance of getting involved in AWWA and/or WEA to increase professional development skills.

Dr. Glen Graber, professor of Philosophy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, presented next on Ethics with several interactive case studies.

Presenting "River Monsters of East Tennessee" was Jonathan Burr, Senior Water Pollution Biologist for TDEC, which was an informative and entertaining presentation on the aquatic species within the area.

Lastly Dan Jones, Certified Senior Ecologist and Project Manager with the ARCADIS, presented on ecological risk assessment. Many thanks go out to all of our speakers and sponsors who helped make this conference possible – GRW, Strand, and Cannon & Cannon, Inc.





FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

## Ole' Man Winter Packing His Punch

by: Michael H. Flynn

None of us have been exempt from the effects of ole' man winter this year. It seems as if there is no relief in sight! With record amounts of snowfall in the majority of areas across the region most of us are looking forward to the sights and sounds of spring. As I write this article, the Midwest and our neighbors to the north are bracing for another major snowstorm. We are hopeful that this storm will only bring precipitation in the form of rain for us.

I remember that it was only a couple of years ago that the "Ice Storm of 2009" crippled our state and left many without power for weeks and some for months. As it is with most situations, you can look

back and be thankful that we are not dealing with those issues again. We can always find a glimmer of hope in every situation.

But regardless of the weather, our work as water professionals marches on! It is because of dedicated professionals like you that the water continues to flow whatever the season. As we look forward to warmer weather and the changing of the seasons, I want to take this opportunity and thank you for the service you provide to the water profession and wish you the best of luck in 2011!

Michael H. Flynn  
KY-TN WEA President



## Calendar of Events & Meetings

**MARCH 15, 2011**

S. Leary Jones and J. Wiley Finney Scholarship Applications due

**APRIL 14, 2011**

YP Summit  
Seelbach Hilton  
Louisville, KY

**APRIL 14-16, 2011**

WEFMAX  
Seelbach Hilton  
Louisville, KY

**APRIL 29, 2011**

KY/TN WEA Award Nominations Due

**JULY 24-27, 2011**

KY/TN WPC Annual Conference  
Covington, KY

**WEA Award Nominations are due by April 29th.**

To submit an application or for more information, see the Awards page at [www.kytnwea.org](http://www.kytnwea.org).

*Local Awards are listed below:*

- Golden Manhole Award
- Industrial Pretreatment Award
- S. Leary Jones Achievement Award
- Control Authority Pretreatment Excellence Award
- Operational Excellence Award
- Outstanding Overflow Abatement Project
- Outstanding Watershed Management Project
- Beneficial Use of Biosolids
- Beneficial Reuse of Effluent Water
- Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (SS)



## 2011 Water Professionals Conference

**Covington, KY  
July 24th - 27th 2011**

**More Information:  
<http://www.kytnwpc.org>**

We hope you'll join us in Covington for the eighth annual Water Professionals Conference presented by the Kentucky/Tennessee Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Association (WEA).

### Our conference offers:

- Technical sessions and workshops covering water, wastewater, management and regulatory issues
- Opportunity for companies to exhibit the latest water and wastewater products and services
- Opportunities for networking with industry professionals – existing and potential customers – from Kentucky and Tennessee
- Largest water and wastewater technical conference and exhibition in both Kentucky and Tennessee.



# Young Professionals Summit

April 14, 2011 | 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
The Seelbach Hilton | Louisville, KY

Our presenter, Shari Harley will teach attendees *“How to Say Anything to Anyone.”* You’ll learn how you can communicate with your employers to get the career you want. Shari’s an expert in helping organizations develop emerging leaders. Her presentation will be informative and educational.

Registration for the YP Summit is now available on-line.

[http://www.wef.org/Members/page\\_ma\\_detail.aspx?id=3207&ekmense=c57dfa7b\\_95\\_0\\_3207\\_7](http://www.wef.org/Members/page_ma_detail.aspx?id=3207&ekmense=c57dfa7b_95_0_3207_7)

## Related Events

- April 13, 2011 Optional YP Tour
- April 15, 2011 AWWA YP Committee Meeting (all AWWA attendees are invited)
- April 15–16, 2011 WEFMAX Meeting (all WEF attendees are invited)

## Questions or comments, please contact:

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## Call for Exhibitors

### 2011 Water Professionals Conference

The exhibitor registration fee includes:

- Two full-conference registrations, each of which include:
  - Admission to technical sessions
  - Access to the Exhibit Hall
  - Breakfasts and lunches
  - Receptions - Ticket to Member Celebration
- Booth space for the exposition duration

The fee per booth purchased on or before June 8, 2011, is \$875, with each additional booth for \$725.

Register online or download a registration form at [www.kytnwpc.org](http://www.kytnwpc.org).

Have newsletter suggestions? Please email: [newsletter@kytnwea.org](mailto:newsletter@kytnwea.org)