

WEFTEC®09 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT SELECTION

1. **ORIGINALITY:** The abstract should deal with break-through technology, new concepts, or novel applications of established concepts. It may describe substantial improvements of existing theories or present new data in support and extension of these theories. Comparative or supportive data must be included.
2. **STATUS OF PROJECT:** The abstract should establish that the project or case study is well-developed and should present data or results to support the hypothesis or principle being demonstrated. Data should have been subjected, at a minimum, to preliminary analysis. Abstracts showing concrete results with practical applications are more likely to be accepted.
3. **TECHNICAL CONTENT:** The objectives and scope of the project should be stated. The conditions under which the data were obtained and the general procedures/methodology used should be presented.
4. **BENEFITS AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Actual benefits and applications should be reported. Has the project helped clean water or has it reduced pollutant discharges? Does the method described save time or money or increase accuracy? Is system management or operations more efficient or effective? Is this a specific finding or of more general application?
5. **QUALITY:** The adequacy of an abstract is considered indicative of the quality of the final paper or poster and of the presentation at WEFTEC® 2009. Authors should prepare their abstracts with care, paying attention to style, organization, and accuracy. In addition, during all WEF conferences, individual presentations, including visual aids, are monitored. The quality of prior presentations may be considered when current submissions are evaluated.

SUBMISSION FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Abstracts are to be a minimum of one and a maximum of three double-spaced full pages of text (12-point, Times New Roman font), including bibliography. Up to three additional pages of supporting tables and graphics may be included. Each page must contain a "footer" with the corresponding author's last name, abstract title, and the page number (example: Smith, Regional Approach to XYZ, page 1 of 3). Abstracts that fail to meet the minimum page requirement will not be considered for presentation.

Abstracts must clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings, and significance of the investigation or study. Submissions on hot topics, regulatory issues, and new water or wastewater technologies are especially welcome.

The communicating author designated on the abstract submittal form will be notified of acceptance or rejection by April, 2009. Acceptance is contingent on receipt of a completed paper by July, 2009.

There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual, company, organization, or institution. Each abstract should be submitted one time only, duplicate abstracts will be discounted. Water Environment Federation policy limits a speaker to one presentation on the program and strongly discourages presentation of more than one paper from the same organization or company in the same session. Membership in WEF is not a requirement for presentation.

All participants must register for the Conference and are responsible for their travel and lodging expenses and registration fees for the conference. Registration will open in April 2009.

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