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the water quality event™

85th Annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference
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About WEFTEC

Since its formation in 1928, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) has been holding annual meetings to provide a forum for knowledge and technology exchange within the water and wastewater fields.

Today, WEFTEC – WEF's Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference – offers the best water quality education and training available and is a leading source for water quality developments, research, regulations, solutions, and cutting-edge technologies.

WEFTEC Attendees

- Learn from sector leaders and their peers about the latest practices, technologies, solutions and regulations in the water quality field
- Choose from more than 130 technical sessions featuring nearly 1,000 speakers, 24 workshops and 6 facility tours to design their own learning experience
- Earn up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and 16.5 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or a maximum of 36 Contact Hours
- Network with thousands of the world's leading water and wastewater professionals
- View the latest, cutting-edge technologies from more than 900 leading companies at the largest annual water quality exhibition in the world

Who Comes to WEFTEC?

WEFTEC draws thousands of water and wastewater professionals from around the world each year, including:

- Collection Systems Managers
- Consultants
- Environmental Engineers/Chemists/Scientists
- Equipment Manufacturers and Representatives
- Executive Managers
- Industrial Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals
- Local, State, and Federal Regulators
- Private Industry and Academia Researchers
- Public Officials
- Students
- Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utility Managers
- Water and Wastewater Operators

and many more.

A Leading Source in Water Quality

An increasing number of abstract submittals from experts in the water quality field results in a world-class technical program of technical sessions and workshops that addresses a diverse and comprehensive list of contemporary water and wastewater issues and solutions including:

- **Collection Systems** – Management, operations and maintenance, infrastructure, overflow reduction, wet weather planning, watershed approaches, and regulations
- **Energy Conservation and Management** – Resource recovery, combined heat and power, biogas optimization, renewable
- **Plant Operations and Treatment** – Innovations, technologies, processes, and proven solutions in water and wastewater treatment; including nutrient removal and odor control
- **Regulations** – CMOM/SSO Rules, TMDL/ Watershed Rules, Nutrient Trading, and NPDES Phase II
- **Research** – Leading edge process applications in water and wastewater treatment and recent developments
- **Residuals & Biosolids** – Incineration, disposal, reuse through land application, research, regulations, politics, and public perception
- **Stormwater** – Treatment, green infrastructure, wet weather management, modeling
- **Utility Management** – Asset Management and financial planning for infrastructure, technology, regulatory compliance, workforce issues, and security; including environmental management systems (EMS)
- **Water Reuse/Recycling** – Research, regulations, emerging technologies, proven processes
- **Water Quality & Watershed Management** – Stormwater, wet weather, surface water, groundwater, and watershed issues

How Big Is It?

Throughout the years, WEFTEC has not only grown in the size of exhibits and technical sessions, but has become the leading water quality exhibition and conference.

In 1941, the then-known Annual Conference featured 5 sessions, 13 technical papers and an attendance of 556. By the 1970s, attendance had grown to almost 9,000 and featured 37 sessions with 146 technical papers. Growing steadily through the 1980s and 1990s, the conference has repeatedly set new records in the last few years including a record-breaking 21,950 attendees and 1,111 exhibiting companies using 290,000 net square feet of floor space at the McCormick Place in Chicago, officially designating WEFTEC.08 as the largest conference in WEF's history.

Renamed WEFTEC in 1994 to increase both domestic and international recognition, WEF's annual conference is ranked in the top 1% of all trade shows in North America and is the largest annual water quality exhibition in the world.

15-Year Snapshot

Year	Location	Net Square Footage	Number of Companies
1996	Dallas	167,950	666
1997	Chicago	182,800	691
1998	Orlando	189,550	755
1999	New Orleans	201,966	816
2000	Anaheim	200,020	769
2001	Atlanta	204,860	776
2002	Chicago	201,540	793
2003	Los Angeles	192,390	801
2004	New Orleans	201,665	833
2005	Washington, DC	213,950	869
2006	Dallas	245,155	965
2007	San Diego	268,405	1,017
2008	Chicago	290,000	1,111
2009	Orlando	264,400	995
2010	New Orleans	295,295	984
2011	Los Angeles	284,150	923

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