

Calendar of Events

May 6, 2026
- May 8, 2026

2026 WEFMAX Sponsorship Opportunities

Welcome to WEFMAX in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 6-8, 2026!

Get ready to ‘steel’ yourself for an unforgettable experience—WEF is coming to Pittsburgh! Join your peers in the “burgh” of innovation, where water professionals will bridge ideas, iron out challenges, and streamline solutions together. Don’t miss this chance to pump up your knowledge, flow with the experts, and connect with the industry in a city that knows how to make it work... and make it last.

WEFMAX Theme: Operator Engagement

What is WEFMAX?

WEFMAX is a regional annual meeting where national WEF member association leaders address current issues and exchange successes and strategies. Each year, WEF selects three Member Associations, who work with WEF to jointly sponsor a WEFMAX for their region.

WEF uses WEFMAX for direct input on the programs, support and educational opportunities members need. Over two days, WEF officers present updates and the host Members Associations provide presentations on their own programs.

Why WEFMAX and not WEFTEC?

WEFMAX’s smaller footprint as a regional meeting opens up in depth discussion and solutions, at a direct level not possible in the larger convention setting. The dialogue at WEFMAX focuses on how the Member Associations work to serve their members.

Why support WEFMAX Pennsylvania?

WEFMAX Pennsylvania is jointly sponsored by WEF and PWEA. WEF’s financial contribution does not cover the entire expense of hosting the meeting which means PWEA is financially responsible for all expenses not covered by WEF.

What’s in it for my Company?

Support WEFMAX Pennsylvania and

Be an example for the industry: WEFMAX attendees are established and early-career leaders from across the US

Be part of the future: WEFMAX focuses on critical topics in the water environment

Be an influencer: WEFMAX Pennsylvania will be the only 2026 WEFMAX for eastern and central US WEF Member Associations

Be Pennsylvania proud: Show your commitment to PWEA’s work and leadership in the water sector

June 15, 2026
- June 18, 2026

2026 PennTec Annual Conference

**Hershey Lodge
325 University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033**

On behalf of the PWEA Board of Directors, the 2026 Conference Committee and Program Committee, we warmly invite you to join us at PWEA's 97th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, PennTec 2026. This distinguished event will take place from June 15-18 at the Hershey Lodge • 325 University Drive - Hershey, PA 17033.

PennTec 2026 offers an engaging and comprehensive program featuring a diverse array of presentations centered on water quality. In addition to the technical sessions, PA DEP–approved workshops will provide additional contact hours for wastewater and drinking water operator licenses.

View the 2026 Registration Program

WORKSHOPS

For attendees registering for the Full Conference, workshops providing hour-for-hour operator contact hours are available at a discounted rate of \$25 each. Seating for these workshops is limited, pre-registration is required. Details regarding workshop topics and pricing can be accessed by downloading the PennTec 2026 Workshop Information.

EXHIBIT HALL

An integral part of the Conference, the Exhibit Hall provides valuable opportunities to explore innovative technologies, discover new products, and connect directly with vendors offering solutions to enhance efficiency and safety in your workplace.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Ample networking opportunities abound at PenTec 2026, facilitating meaningful interactions with peers and industry professionals. Noteworthy events include:

*Monday – Community Service Project**
*Monday – Annual Golf Tournament **
*Monday – 100th Anniversary Reception**
*Monday – 100th Anniversary Gala **
*Tuesday – Plant Tour**
*Tuesday – President's Reception**
*Tuesday – Annual PWEA Awards Ceremony & Reception**
*Tuesday – Tailgate Dinner and Cornhole Tournament **
*Wednesday – Women in Water Luncheon**
*Wednesday – Beer & Pretzels, Wine & Cheese Reception**
Wednesday – Operator Olympics

**Additional registration or paid ticketed event, pre-registration required*

HOW TO REGISTER

Attendee Registration for PennTec 2026 is online. Registrants will have the option to pay via Credit Card or request invoice to pay by check upon completion of online registration. Please note that June 1, 2026, is the registration cutoff date. Registrations received after this date will be subject to a late fee.*

**Kindly note, a 3.5% technology fee will apply to all credit card transactions.*

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hershey Lodge for PennTec 2026. Reservations will be accepted beginning February 13, 2026 and must be made by May 15, 2026. Rooms may not be available after this date. The discounted room rate is as follows:

*\$269.00 per Room for Single/Double Occupancy (all rooms are non-smoking)
Overnight guests receive a complimentary ticket to the Hershey Gardens and the Hershey Story Museum. Also included at no charge for all overnight guests is the hotel's miniature golf course, the arcade, an outdoor pool, and Hershey's Water Works – a 30,000 square foot indoor pool complex and water park.*

*Call Reservations at 1-855-729-3108 and mention PENNSYLVANIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION to receive the discounted rate.
Online reservations can be made by going to the link provided on PWEA's website.*

CANCELLATION / SUBSTITUTION POLICY

Please be aware that refunds will not be issued after May 1st. Refund requests (in writing) received PRIOR to May 1 will be subjected to a \$50 cancellation fee. Substitutions are permitted until May 31st, and will be subject to a \$25 per person substitution fee.

We eagerly anticipate your participation at PennTec 2026, where knowledge, innovation, and collaboration converge to shape the future of water quality management.

SEE YOU IN JUNE!

June 22, 2025
- May 15, 2026

100th PWEA Anniversary and 97th PennTec Exhibits and Sponsorships
Hershey Lodge
325 University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033
08:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

A Century in the Making – Celebrate PWEA's 100th Anniversary!

In 2026, the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association marks a remarkable milestone—100 years of protecting and improving Pennsylvania's water resources. Since 1926, our members have been at the forefront of innovation, advocacy, and service, and now it's time to honor the people and projects that brought us here.

Join us for an unforgettable 100th Anniversary Celebration filled with history, inspiration, and connection. Enjoy a special evening of fine dining, commemorative presentations, historical exhibits, and the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends from across the state. This once-in-a-century event will be the perfect blend of reflection on our past and excitement for our future.

Through ten decades of innovation, advocacy, and education, PWEA has grown into a trusted resource for water quality expertise and leadership. This publication honors that legacy with a rich collection of photographs, stories, and historical highlights that reflect the progress of both our association and the broader water environment field.

We thank our members, partners, and supporters—past and present—who have helped shape PWEA's century-long journey. May this book serve as a tribute to your contributions and a source of inspiration for the next 100 years.

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Registration is NOW OPEN FOR 2026!

WELCOME

We invite you to join us as an Exhibitor and/or a Sponsor at the PWEA's 97th Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (PennTec 2026), which will be held at the Hershey Lodge: 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. With an average yearly attendance of over 700 water quality professionals seeking the latest knowledge and technology available, PennTec 2026 would be a great way to get the word out about your products, equipment, and services!

Details regarding this year's exhibit space and sponsorship offerings can be found in the PennTec 2026 Exhibitor Prospectus.

Details regarding this year's registration can be found in the Registration Program.

Prime booth locations within the Exhibit Hall will sell quickly, so don't delay!

No paper registrations will be taken this year. If you need assistance with event related questions, email ashleymohn@pwea.org.

Cancellation Policy: Booth cancellations received in writing on or before May 3rd will receive a full refund less a \$250 processing fee. Cancellations received after that date will not receive a refund. Please note, all credit card transactions will include a 3.5% "technology fee." The credit/debit card name and address information must EXACTLY match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card. Otherwise, the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.

To be included in the Convention Program, purchase all exhibitor and sponsorship

opportunities by May 1, 2025. The deadline for Exhibitor and Sponsorship registration is May 15, 2025, to be included in conference signage.

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April 21, 2026

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Various Locations in Pennsylvania

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Breyana Fulton, 717-642-9500

breyanafulton@pwea.org

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