

Dept. of Natural Resources: To host 'Sowing The Seeds For Change' webinar Sept. 10

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host the first of three educational webinars, *Sowing Seeds for Change*, 12 – 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10.

The webinar series is part of the [Safe Water For All Campaign](#) announced in July that is dedicated to educating the public on the leading drinking water contaminants, including PFAS, nitrates, lead and their impact on your health.

Panelists for the webinar will discuss the role of the emerging carbon market on agriculture, what leading farmers and agricultural companies are doing and what that may mean for water quality.

Speakers include Tim Baye, University of Wisconsin-Madison Professor of Business Development and State Energy Specialist; Dan Smith, President and CEO at the Cooperative Network, one of the nation's largest trade associations; Sara Walling, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Division Administrator; and Mary C. Anderson, DNR Grazing and Conservation Agriculture Specialist.

Gov. Tony Evers declared 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water to address the fact that not all Wisconsinites have access to safe, clean drinking water. Gov. Evers directed the DNR and DHS, the agencies entrusted with protecting Wisconsin's health and water resources, to strengthen water quality standards for nitrate, PFAS and lead.

[Learn more about how the State of Wisconsin is protecting our drinking water here.](#)

Safe Water For All Panel Series

Sowing The Seeds For Change

12 p.m. Sept. 10

Water gives us life and grows our food. Yet today too many who grow our food, can't drink their water. Listen to panelists discuss if carbon is the next cash crop and what could that mean for water quality. Learn how the agriculture carbon market is changing the supply chain, how America's farmers are helping reduce their carbon footprint and what it may mean for water quality.

Speakers:

Mary C. Anderson, Grazing and Conservation Agriculture Specialist, DNR
Tim Baye, Professor of Business Development and Farm Energy Specialist, Milwaukee Water Commons and UW-Extension
Dan Smith, President and CEO, Cooperative Network
Sara Walling, Division Administrator, Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

[Watch via the DNR's YouTube channel here.](#)

Threats On Tap - Marginalized Communities At Risk

11 a.m. Sept. 15

While the Safe Drinking Water Act guarantees all Wisconsinites access to clean, drinkable water, not everyone can safely turn on the tap. The United States has remarkable water systems, developed over two centuries of technological, institutional and economic advances. However, the benefits of those systems have not been equally felt across the state. Water systems that serve marginalized areas - communities of color, low-income communities and rural communities - are more likely to be unsafe. Hear about the efforts to understand and to secure safe and affordable drinking water for every community.

Speakers:

Brenda Coley, Co-Executive Director, Milwaukee Water Commons

Margaret Ann Noodin, Director, Electa Quinney Institute for American Indian Education, UW-Milwaukee

Maria Redmond, Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy Director, Wisconsin Department of Administration

Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate, Michigan Office of Environmental Justice, Michigan's Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Protecting The People - Safe Water For All

12 p.m. Oct. 12

Wisconsin has a long history of protecting the state's waters and even led the nation in drinking water protection with the passage of the 1983 groundwater law. Approximately two-thirds of people living in Wisconsin get their drinking water from groundwater. Adequate supplies of uncontaminated groundwater are crucial not only for our health but also for our breweries, agricultural operations and cutting-edge industries in Wisconsin. Hear how Wisconsin is working to protect your health and what you can do to get involved.

Speakers:

Jennifer Hauxwell, Associate Director, UW-Madison Aquatic Sciences Center

Jon Meiman, Chief Medical Officer and State Occupational and Environmental Disease Epidemiologist, Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services

Bruce Rheineck, DNR Groundwater Section Chief