



Instructions for Submitting Abstracts – PennTec 2011

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Do you have interest in being part of a great Technical Program at PennTec? The Pennsylvania Water Environment Association has issued a Call for Abstracts for the 2011 Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition. PWEA is soliciting abstracts on cutting-edge topics related to all aspects of wastewater including:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Biosolids Management (BIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Management (MAN)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collection Systems (COL)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrient Removal Technology (NRT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Design (DES)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations (OPR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disinfection (DIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Processes (PRO)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering (ENG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Wastewater Operations (PWO)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financing/Grants (FIN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research (RES)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial Waste Pretreatment (IWP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety (SAF)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laboratory (LAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Reuse (WRE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintenance (MAI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility Management (UMA)

Individuals desiring to present at the 2011 Annual Technical Conference should submit an abstract **by no later than August 31, 2010**. Please read the criteria below to be sure your abstract will contain the most relevant information. Presentations will be in blocks of 45-60 minutes, which includes time for questions and answers. **Abstracts will be accepted only by email. Send completed abstract to: pwea@pwea.org.**

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for an entire session (such as a panel discussions, a hot topic update, etc.); or are interested in submitting a proposal for an interactive all-day or half-day workshop, contact the PWEA Administrative Office for more information (pwea@pwea.org or 717-642-9500).

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 and of the presentation at PennTec 2011. Authors should prepare their abstracts with care, paying attention to style, organization, and accuracy. In addition, during all PWEA 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 must be submitted along with the Abstract Submittal Form posted on www.pwea.org. **Abstracts should be a minimum of one and a maximum of three double-spaced full pages of text, including bibliography.** Up to three additional pages of supporting tables and graphics may be included. The footer of each page should contain 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 be given consideration after other submissions.**

Abstracts must clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings, and significance of the investigation or study. Submissions on hot topics, regulatory issues, and new wastewater technologies are especially welcome. The communicating author designated on the abstract submittal form will be notified of acceptance or rejection by December 31, 2010. A complete paper should be provided to the PWEA by May 1, 2011.

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. Pennsylvania Water Environment Association 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 PWEA is not a requirement to present. Speakers will be responsible for all of their own transportation and lodging and travel related expenses. Registration for the day of the presentation is complimentary; a special discounted registration fee will be offered for the full conference.