



Call for Abstracts

We are pleased to invite submissions of abstracts for the Five Cities Plus 2023 conference!

In 2022, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati hosted a fantastic 5 Cities conference with the theme “All Rivers Lead to Change”. This forward-looking theme focused on ways to leverage advancements in technology, wastewater treatment, and management processes to better prepare for challenges that our industry faces.

The theme for this year’s conference in Indianapolis is:

People, Purpose, and Passion Drive Success.

Guided by Citizens Energy Group’s core values of Safety, Integrity, Quality, Diversity and Teamwork, our employees act with shared passion toward our Vision of delivering customer service with unparalleled excellence and integrity. This Vision cannot be realized without people, purpose, or passion.

For this year’s technical program, we are asking that each Five Cities Plus agency submit a total of four (4) abstracts: three (3) preferred topics and one (1) alternate. We are excited to see your abstract submissions and are certain that they will result in an insightful and robust technical program!

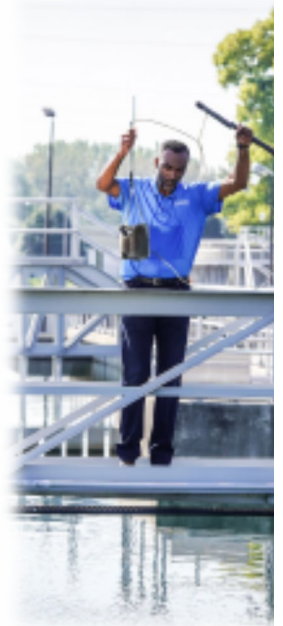
We look forward to your attendance as a delegate in 2023 and hosting you in Indianapolis!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Trypus'.

John Trypus
Director, Underground Engineering & Construction

Technical Program Committee Members: Justin Burnett, Daphne Chui, Jeff Guinn, Chris Kennedy, Mike Miller, Joe Nagy





Suggested Abstract Topics

With the theme of Five Cities Plus 2023 - “People, Purpose and Passion Drive Success” in mind, the program committee has identified the following potential presentation topics for agencies to consider. Please note that abstract submissions are not required to incorporate the topics listed below. Agencies are permitted to submit abstracts on any topic relevant to wastewater operations & management.

People

Addressing Affordability

Workforce Development & Attracting New Talent

Taking Advantage of Federal Incentive Programs

Purpose

EPA Rulings/ Emerging Contaminants

Wet Weather & Stormwater Planning

Solids Handling & Disposal

Industrial Pretreatment Enforcement

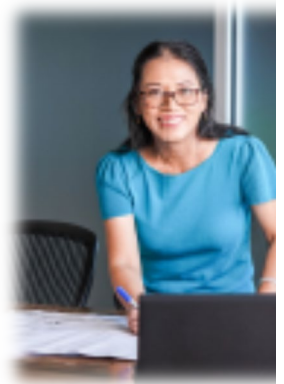
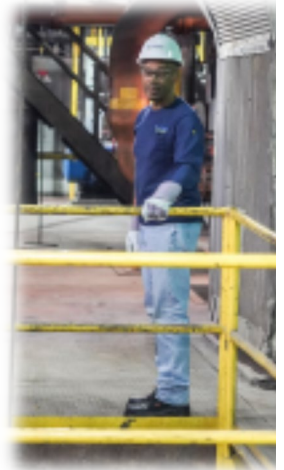
Addressing Cybersecurity

Passion

Volunteering and Community Development

Creative Solutions to Unique Problems

Going Above & Beyond for Customers





Abstract Submission & Selection

Five Cities Plus agency submissions should demonstrate a significant advancement in knowledge in sewer operations and management or a related topic that would be beneficial to the industry. Only an oral presentation (with PowerPoint) will be considered for this conference. Submissions should be sent to 5CitiesPlusConference@gmail.com and include the following information:

- Author's name(s) and Five Cities Plus agency affiliation
- Title of presentation
- Category / Topic Area
- Summary paragraph (300 word max.) with synopsis of subject matter
- Contact person's e-mail address and phone number

Any proposal that has been co-authored by the agency and a consultant should include at least one agency representative as a presenter. Authors will be notified of the outcome of the review to prepare the full presentation. At least one author of each selected presentation must register and attend the conference to present. Authors must pay their own expenses to attend the conference. Questions can be directed to: 5CitiesPlusConference@gmail.com.

STRUCTURE OF THE SESSIONS

The conference will be organized in 30-minute thematic sessions that include 10 minutes for questions at the end of each 20-minute presentation. The working language of the conference is English. Any special AV needs should be noted on the submittal and the committee will try to accommodate those needs.

PRESENTATION SELECTION SCHEDULE

Call for Abstracts: Monday, April 10, 2023

Abstracts Due: Friday, May 12, 2023

Author's Notification: Monday, June 5, 2023

Final presentation submission: Friday, August 25, 2023

Presentation Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

