



Industrial Water, Waste & Sewage Group

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Our Steering Committee would like to share some useful links and other information! Please let us know if you have something you would like to share.

1.) **MWRD Virtual Tour set for Aug. 16 at 2 p.m.**

Attend a live virtual tour of the Chicago region's water infrastructure and history on Tuesday, August 16 and September 20, at 2 PM.

Travel back in time to early Chicago to see how we reversed the Chicago River and developed wastewater treatment technology. Go behind the scenes and under water to see how we transform the water you use every day; descend 300 feet into the deep tunnel system and watch our electrofishing crew at work sampling fish on the Chicago River.

Register at <https://mwrdd.org/facility-and-virtual-tours>.

2.) DHHS warns residents after hazardous chromium spill in Huron River watershed," Michigan Advance

Summary: The Michigan Department of Health and Human services has issued a warning to southeast Michigan residents after hexavalent chromium was released in the Huron River.

At 3:21 p.m. Monday, Tribar Manufacturing in Wixom notified the Michigan Department of the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) that it had released several thousand gallons of liquid containing 5% hexavalent chromium into the sewer system. Hexavalent chromium is a known

carcinogen and can cause a variety of negative health effects when ingested, inhaled or comes in contact with skin.

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- 3.) The 3rd Edition of *The Safety Professionals Handbook*, published by the American Society of Safety Professionals, is expected out later this summer. The Handbook is a compendium of usable knowledge for the Environmental Health & Safety Professional written by working professionals in the field. IWSG's Steering Committee Recording Secretary, **Judy Freeman**, Special Projects Manager for Gabriel Environmental Services, wrote the chapter on Water and Wastewater. Congrats, Judy!

- 4.) Water Infrastructure Resiliency: U.S. Sens. Duckworth, Durbin support MWRD work to mitigate flooding, improve water quality.
<https://mwrld.org/water-infrastructure-resiliency-us-sens-duckworth-durbin-support-mwrld-work-mitigate-flooding#:~:text=%C3%A2%E2%82%AC%C5%9BChronic%20flooding%20and%20contamination%20issues%20from%20sewer%20overflow,Dolton%20for%20far%20too%20long%2C%C3%A2%E2%82%AC%C5%A5%20Senator%20Duckworth%20said>

- 5.) Wastewater monitoring grows as public health tool: National surveillance system shares data on COVID-19
<https://www.thenationshealth.org/content/52/2/1.2>

- 6.) Report: Agricultural Runoff is Leading Cause of Water Pollution in the U.S.
<https://www.agriculture.com/news/business/report-agriculture-runoff-is-leading-cause-of-water-pollution-in-the-us>

- 7.) EPA finds no safe level for two toxic 'forever chemicals,' found in many U.S. water systems. *Studies have linked these 'forever chemicals' to different types of cancer, low birthweights and other health ailments.*

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2022/06/15/epa-no-safe-level-toxic-pfas-thousands-water-systems/7632524001/>

- 8.) Judge accepts deal for Cleveland-Cliffs to pay \$3 million fine, donate land to National Park after fish kill

https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/judge-accepts-deal-for-cleveland-cliffs-to-pay-3-million-fine-donate-land-to-national/article_f2ef98d8-73e0-5993-82c8-4ff3a31533b4.html

- 9.) Workers exposed to PFAS in a variety of industries

<https://www.ehn.org/pfas-in-workers-2657293887/pfas-in-the-ski-industry>

- 10.) You can now drink "Chicagwa", canned Chicago tap water!

<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/you-can-now-drink-chicagwa-canned-chicago-tap-water/2823731/>