

2026 Laboratory Operations Symposium

Current Issues Impacting Drinking Water Laboratories

CALL FOR PAPERS

The New England Water Works Association and its Laboratory Operations Committee are seeking presentations for the 2026 Laboratory Operations Symposium. The symposium will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New England Water Works Association headquarters at 125 Hopping Brook Rd. in Holliston, MA.

Over the years the Symposium has focused on a variety of issues and successes of drinking water laboratories in New England including new technologies, laboratory modernization, preparing for regulatory updates & inspections, quality control & quality assurance, source water monitoring, & emergency response and succession planning. While we have learned a lot, we are still facing many of the same challenges today.

For this year's symposium we are soliciting abstracts that focus on case studies, new technologies and QA/QC methods that can benefit drinking water laboratories throughout New England. Suggested abstracts include research and case studies that address topics like:

- Cutting-edge technologies used for drinking or source water monitoring
- Details of daily quality assurance/quality control measures to benefit newcomers to the lab
- Watershed monitoring and management
- Source water monitoring & how laboratories respond to unexpected events such as:
 - Taste & Odor Algae
 - Low dissolved oxygen & Iron and Manganese increases in water treatment plants
 - Sudden changes in water quality due to extreme weather events
- Recent case studies of laboratory renovations
- Laboratory asset management
- Implementation of AI into the lab
- Best practices of laboratory data management
- Laboratory succession planning



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The abstract submittal deadline is **December 11, 2025**. Abstracts should be 150 words or less. Presenting authors will receive a discounted symposium registration. Please provide contact information for the presenting author and/or primary person to contact regarding your abstract. To submit an abstract, scan the QR code or click the URL to submit an abstract via NEWWA's abstract submission portal, powered by OpenWater. All users will create an account to use the portal. If you have questions, please contact Mary Quigley at mquigley@newwa.org or 508-893- 7979 x224.

Thank you for your interest in the NEWWA Laboratory Operations Symposium.

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