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## NOAA's Chief Scientist to Speak at Great Water Cities: Rainfall to Results in Action

*Seats are limited for this exclusive opportunity to learn from and network with some of the world's leading stormwater experts*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Dr. Richard W. Spinrad, Chief Scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has joined the impressive line-up of high-level speakers for *Great Water Cities 2016: Rainfall to Results in Action*. Scheduled for May 10-11 at the Mid-America Club in Chicago, this latest installment of the Water Environment Federation's (WEF) Great Water Cities dialogue series connects stormwater practitioners with some of the world's leading stormwater experts.

The two-day event will build upon the findings of the WEF Stormwater Institute's "Rainfall to Results: The Future of Stormwater" report and provide a catalyst for continued advancement in several key areas of stormwater management, including recognizing its inherent value as a reusable resource.

Spinrad will anchor the first day's discussions with a thought-provoking luncheon keynote: "Water Risks, Flooding, and Resilience." As an influential driver of US policy and program direction for science and technology priorities, the internationally recognized scientist and NOAA executive will share the agency's strategy for stormwater management and risk mitigation.

In addition to Spinrad's keynote, summit attendees will also participate in a series of small table discussions led and moderated by a diverse group of leading stormwater authorities from the US and Australia (list follows). Panel topics include: closing the funding gap; managing assets and resources; working at the watershed scale; and supporting innovation and best practices.

- **Bob Adair**, President, Convergent Water Technologies Panelists
- **Joel Baker**, University of Washington, Tacoma, Tacoma Water Cluster
- **Lynn Broaddus**, President, Broadview Collaborative Inc.
- **Ryan Brotchie**, Managers of Water Services Planning, Integrated Planning, Melbourne Water and GHD Australia
- **Preston Bryant**, Former Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources
- **Rudy Chow**, Director, Baltimore Department of Public Works
- **Dr. Robert Considine**, Managers of Water Services Planning, Integrated Planning, Melbourne Water and GHD Australia
- **Eileen O'Neill**, WEF Executive Director

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- Chris French, WEF Stormwater Director
- Dave Gatterman, Environmental Services Director, Southern Sandoval County - Arroyo Flood Control Authority
- Korey Gray, Business Development Officer, DC Water
- Karen Kubick, Director of the Wastewater Enterprise Capital Improvement Program for the City and County of San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission
- David St. Pierre, Executive Director, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Tom Kunetz, Assistant Director of Engineering, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Howard Neukrug, Past Commissioner, Philadelphia Water, Senior Fellow, US Water Alliance
- Marcus Quigley, CEO, OptiRTC
- Sandra Ralston, Principal, Consensus, LLC
- Karen Sands, Director of Planning, Research and Sustainability, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Andrew Sawyers, Director, District of Columbia Office of Wastewater Management
- Bill Stowe, CEO and General Manager, Des Moines Water Works
- Prisca Weems, Stormwater Manager for City of New Orleans, La.

Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to ask the questions you have always wanted answered; tap into the wealth of knowledge and experiences shared by water sector leaders; and brainstorm ideas for future solutions.

For the latest event and registration details, visit [wef.org/watersummit](http://wef.org/watersummit).

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## About WEF

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 33,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit [www.wef.org](http://www.wef.org).

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