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President's Message - June 15, 2021

Good afternoon everyone,

First, let me apologize for not getting this out last Friday as I had intended. There is a lot happening in the clean water community right now. As summer is upon us and we're out enjoying what our state has to offer, take a moment to think about your part in that. Without Maine's wastewater and storm water professionals we would not be able to enjoy our pristine outdoors.

Last Friday the MeWEA executive committee had the honor of speaking with Bill Benson and Karrie Trebbe of Boots2Roots. Boots2Roots is a Maine-based organization that places separating service members into careers. With our aging workforce and shortage of operators in Maine this is a great opportunity to get highly skilled workers into the water sector. Please take the time to email Karrie at program@boots2roots.org. Or visit the website: <https://boots2roots.org>

TAKE ACTION: ASK CONGRESS TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR TREATMENT OF PFAS IN WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER IN INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

Please reach out to your Members of Congress and urge them to strongly support increased funding for the treatment of PFAS in wastewater and storm water treatment systems in any proposed infrastructure package.

While most in the wastewater sector applaud the Administration's American Jobs Plan, we would like to encourage Members of Congress and the Administration to consider including treatment of PFAS in wastewater – not just drinking water – as a part of the allotted \$10 billion in the American Jobs Plan or any subsequent infrastructure funding package passed by Congress.

Click below for more information and to reach out to your Senators and Representative.

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One of our upcoming events include the MeWEA/MWUA co-sponsored summer outing, which will be held August 12th at Brunswick Crossing (formerly Naval Air Station). The event typically draws 500+ people and well over 100 public utilities, vendors, and consultants. The event includes educational training, live demonstrations, vendor booths, live water main tapping competition, a corn hole tournament, a pig roast, steaks, burgers, hot dogs, brats, and social activities. There is no charge if you would like to set up an interactive display to speak with all the utilities that are present. We hope you will be able to join us.

As always keep up the great work you all do and enjoy summer, it will go by far too quickly!!!

Sincerely,
Phil Tucker,
MEWEA President