Tuesday, May 19, 2026	
7:15 am	**Registration** (Holiday Inn Conference Center Foyer)
8:15 am	**Welcome and Introduction** *Steve Wilson & Jenna Shelton, Illinois State Water Survey, Champaign, IL*
Session 1 – Public Health & Communication	
8:30 am	**A Covenant With Our Children: Safe Drinking Water** *Dr. Alan Woolf, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA*
9:30 am	**Well Aware: Using Private Well Testing as a Gateway to Preventive Health in Rural Communities** *Victoria Clower, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA*
10:00 am	**Break**
10:15 am	**Understanding and Communicating a Statewide Cumulative Human Health Risk Assessment of Inorganics-Contaminated Groundwater Wells, Montana, USA.** *Margaret (Mari) Eggers, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT*
10:45 am	**Private Well Drinking Water Quality and Public Communication: Findings From a Free Testing Program in Southeastern Minnesota** *Anne Nelson, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Cloud, MN*
11:15 am	**Good Ways to Give Bad Answers: Communicating With Well Owners When Uncertainty Is Involved** *Shannon Harrower-Nakama, Rhode Island Department of Health, Providence, RI*
11:45 am	**Lunch (on your own)**
Session 2 – Drillers' Perspective & State Programs	
1:15 pm	**Private Well Drillers' Perspective & Panel Discussion** *David Henrich, Bergerson-Caswell, Maple Plain, MN* *TBD* *TBD*
2:45 pm	**Well Sealing & Grouting** *Kirby Donald, Baroid Industrial Drilling Products, Castle Rock, WA*
3:15 pm	**Break**
3:30 pm	**Part 127 Michigan Water Well and Pump Installation Code — Performing a Balancing Act Between Local Health Departments and the Drilling Community** *Kathy Gardner; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Holt, MI*
4:00 pm	**New Jersey Private Well Testing Act** *Heidi O'Neill, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, NJ*
4:30 pm	**Permitting Wells in Areas of Known Contamination** *Wilson Mize, North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services, Louisburg, NC*
5:00 pm	**Adjourn**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026	
7:45 am	**Morning Starter** (Holiday Inn Conference Center Foyer)
8:20 am	**Day Two Introduction** *Steve Wilson, Illinois State Water Survey, Champaign, IL*
Session 3 – Contaminants & Visualizing Data and Results	
8:30 am	**Emerging Contaminants and Private Wells: What We Know and What's Next** *John Scott, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, Champaign, IL*
9:00 am	**PFAS in Rural Private Well Water Across the United States: Using a Participatory Science Approach to Identify, Evaluate, and Communicate Risks and Recommendations** *Jackie MacDonald Gibson, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*
9:30 am	**Responses to PFAS in Private Wells** *Marty Nessman, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, WI*
10:00 am	**Break**
10:15 am	**Telling the Virginia Well Water Quality Story Through ArcGIS Story Maps** *Meredith Snyder, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Blacksburg, VA*
10:45 am	**Aggregating Private Well Testing Data to Understand Groundwater Quality Across Wisconsin** *Abby Johnson & Cayla Cavey, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI*
11:15 am	**Virginia Department of Health's Private Well Data Platform: Visualizing Well Data and Using It to Make Data-Driven Public Health Decisions** *Scott Vogel, Virginia Department of Health, Richmond, VA*
11:45 am	**Lunch (on your own)**
Session 4 – Treatment & Testing	
1:15 pm	**Using Reverse Osmosis Treatment on Private Wells** *Eric Yeggy, Water Quality Association, Lisle, IL*
1:45 pm	**Which Mitigation Strategy Is Best: A Cost-Benefit Analysis for Private Well Users and Program** *Sophia Walsh, Minnesota Department of Health, Saint Paul, MN*
2:15 pm	**Expanding Local Laboratory Capacity to Improve Access, Demand, and Efficiency in Private Well Water Testing** *Tristin Faust, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Eau Claire, WI*
2:45 pm	**Data-Driven Sampling Intervals for Arsenic: Empowering Private Well Owners and Programs** *Nicholas A. Procopio, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, NJ*
3:15 pm	**Break**
3:30 pm	**Lightning Talks** (12 speakers, 5-minute presentations, 20 slides) *There will be time for questions after the first three speakers and at the end.* *See Lightning Talks speaker list for more information.*
5:00 pm	**Adjourn**

Thursday, May 21, 2026	
7:45 am	**Morning Starter** (Holiday Inn Conference Center Foyer)
8:20 am	**Day Three Introduction** *Steve Wilson, Illinois State Water Survey, Champaign, IL*
Session 5 – Education, Outreach, and Community Engagement	
8:30 am	**Small Scientists, Big Impact: Empowering Communities Through a Third-Grade Private Well Citizen Science Project** *Amy Latzel, North Central District Health Department, O'Neill, NE*
9:00 am	**Tools to Educate Property Owners and Professionals on Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems** *Sara Heger, National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, Devils Lake, ND*
9:30 am	**Coastal vs. Inland Wells: Results, Trepidation, and Outreach** *Brett Capps & Stacey Scarce, Communities Unlimited, Fayetteville, AR*
10:00 am	**Final Break – Chance to Check Out (But Come Back!)**
10:30 am	**Participatory Water and Mold Testing After Hurricane Helene: Lessons for Supporting Communities Served by Private Wells** *Andrew George, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC* *Jackie MacDonald Gibson, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*
11:00 am	**Sampling Issues for Legionella and Non-Target Bacteria Occurrence in Homes Served by Private Wells** *Steve Wilson, Illinois State Water Survey, Champaign, IL*
11:30 am	**Group Discussion and Conference Wrap-up** Where do we go from here? What are your takeaways? How do we elevate this discussion nationally? Topic suggestions for the 2027 Private Well Conference? Bring your thoughts and ideas! *Steve Wilson, Illinois State Water Survey, Champaign, IL*
12:00 pm	**Adjourn**