The WQA-PAC *informs* supporters on future government activities that will demand attention. PAC supporters *lead* by carrying the industry’s mission and vision to Washington, D.C. and *inspire* Congress to strive for safe drinking water.
Together, our committees serve to represent, promote and advocate the interests of the Association regarding policies, laws, regulations, and other developments at the local, state, regional, and federal levels. With the increased attention to drinking water, we need everyone involved.

The water treatment industry, our businesses, have challenges and opportunities on every front – from tariffs on industry goods, to discharge regulatory obstacles, to treating for lead in schools, and final barrier approaches to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act. We cannot sit on the sidelines hoping our politicians and regulators will do the right thing.

That is why we are hoping you will take an opportunity to become more involved:

• WQA-PAC, a non-partisan, voluntary committee dedicated to promoting the interests of our businesses in the U.S. Congress.
• Join our joint State & Federal Government Affairs Committee meeting at the WQA Convention and Exposition April 1 – April 3, 2020. All participants are welcome to attend.
• Register to attend the 2020 Water Resources Congressional Summit on March 3rd and 4th. This is a two-day event in Washington, DC coordinated by WQA to give you the chance to meet with congressional offices.

With a better understanding of the role we play in helping those who work and live in America, Congress can provide the framework to improve the quality of life for Americans. As we have seen in years past, continuing this dialogue has brought our industry into the fold as providing solutions to drinking water issues.

Let’s take the challenge and get involved! Our WQA Government Affairs Team, David Loveday and Kathleen Fultz are here to help and answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Frank DeSilva
Frank DeSilva, ResinTech, WQA Federal Government Affairs Committee Chair

Kenny Gibson
Kenny Gibson, Ecowater, WQA Regional/State Government Affairs Committee Chair
Visit WQA.org/PAC to learn how to WQA is supporting your voice in Washington DC and how to be invited to a dinner with the Honorable Dick Gephardt at the 2020 WQA Convention & Exposition.

Thank you to our members who are actively participating in our political dialogue through the WQA-PAC:

Richard Mest—Master Water Conditioning
Chris Wilker—EcoWater Systems
Kurt Gruett—Water-Right
Larry Gottlieb—ResinTech
DJ Shannahan—Sharp Water Culligan
Tom Harrington—DS Services of America
Bret Tangleyn—Sterling Water, Inc.
Mike Mecca—Performance Water Products
Don McGhee—Hydro Systems
EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions:

Final Barrier technologies are highlighted as a solution for small system compliance and for any size system during lead service line replacement to address elevated lead levels.

The EPA published revisions to the Federal Lead and Copper Rule in the Federal Register on November 13th. There is a 60 day comment period.

Included in the proposal is a side-by-side comparison of the current rule and the Agency’s suggested changes. Review the proposal and submit comments via the link below. WQA will also be reviewing the rule and submitting comments.

Highlights:

- Action level set at 15 parts per billion and establishes a trigger level (TL) at 10 parts per billion
- Following each lead service line replacement (LSLR) systems must provide certified pitcher filters and cartridges to each customer for 3 months after replacement and collect a lead tap sample within 3 to 6 months after replacement
- Community water systems (CWS) serving less than or equal to 10,000 people and non-transient water systems (NTNCWSs) can select certified point-of-use (POU) filtration as an alternative to corrosion control treatment
  - For CWSs, minimum of one POU device, at one tap, in every household or building served
  - For NTNCWSs, POU device at every tap that is used for cooking and/or drinking
  - POU devices must be certified by the appropriate American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard for reduction of lead in drinking water and be maintained by the system
- Systems must inform consumers annually they are served by a lead service line (LSL) or a line of unknown material
- Systems must conduct lead in drinking water testing at 20% of K-12 schools and licensed childcares in service area every year, excluding facilities built after January 1, 2014

To review the proposal, support documents, and to submit comments, visit: https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0300
2018

April 6: Proposed tariff action on $34 Billion (List 1)

May 15-17: Hearings for List 1

June 20: Notice of action for List 1 and proposed tariff action on an additional $16 Billion (List 2)

July 17: Proposed tariff action an additional $200 Billion (List 3)

July 24-25: Hearings for List 2

October 4: Notice of Action for List 3

December 19: Modification to postpone duty increase for List 3

December 21: Exclusions granted under List 1

2019

March 5: Modification to postpone duty increase for List 3

March 25: Exclusions granted for List 1

April 18: Exclusions granted for List 1

May 9: Modification to increase duty from 10 percent to 25 percent for List 3

May 14: Exclusions granted for List 1

May 15: Modification to delay duty increase on List 3

May 17: Request for comments on proposed List 4

June 4: Exclusions granted for List 1

August 7: Notice to extend comment period for List 3

August 16: Notice of action for List 2

August 20-24: Hearings for List 3

August 27: Hearings for List 3

September 3: Request for Comments on increasing duty from 25 percent to 30 percent for Lists 1, 2, and 3

September 20: Exclusions granted for List 1, 2, and 3

July 9: Exclusions granted for List 1

July 10: Modification to delay duty increase on List 3

July 31: Exclusions granted for List 2
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Yes! Count me in.

I want to join my colleagues in the fight for the future of the water treatment industry.

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