

IWEA Safety Committee Meeting
April 16, 2026
Minutes

Members on Conference Call: Terri Couse, Anastasia Rosenow, Brian Miller, Jerry Fusell, Duane Jarvis, and Dorothy Robinette

Members at TriCo WRRF: Loren Prange and Robb Mendoza

Digester:

- IWEA wants an article for each publication. About four times a year. (Spring – Feb, Summer – May, Fall – Aug, and Winter – Dec.)
- Thank you, Terri Couse, for the articles you have submitted.
- If anyone has or wants to submit safety articles to the Digester, that would be great. Discussed having a toolbox like articles, could be on confined space, electrical, emergency, etc. Other topics could be construction, new personnel training, case studies, plant profile, or course review. Some tips for submitting articles: A full page is 550 words, but longer and shorter accepted: Send editable word documents or original PDF files; Include original photos/images as attachments in addition to the article.
- You can send articles to Jamie Sonnentag at Jamie.sonnentag@mattisoncorp.com, or Dorothy at wwtrobin36@gmail.com. The IWEA website has the deadlines listed and you can submit an article.

IWEA Conference:

- The Conference will be at the Indianapolis Convention Center in 2026. There were five abstracts submitted for safety.
- Discussed having safety prizes to generate interest in joining the Safety Committee.
- Jake Powers will present, and maybe his coworkers too.
- Terri Couse and Anastasia Rosenow will work on presenting proper PPE usage in lab and on the construction site. Thank you, ladies!
- Anyone who has topic ideas or abstracts please contact Loren Prange (loren.prange@trico.eco) or Dorothy Robinette (wwtrobin36@gmail.com).
- Discussed having a 10-hour OSHA course next year. Could be split up over 2 days. Pete Isom could teach the course. Pete Isom and Ernie Castle will work on it and report back. Thank you both for your help.

Safety Audit:

- Please review the audit form for any changes that may be needed.
- I wanted to remind everyone that IWEA will reimburse hotels that are needed for audits in the far south or north of the state.
- Thank you, Terri, for working on the IWEA budget.
- Assigned Safety audits, need to be completed and returned to Dorothy by May 30th.
- Need to nominate and vote on the LL Larson Award by May 1st.

Wastewater Challenge:

- South Bend will host 2026 challenge. Monday May 18th and Tuesday May 19th, 2026.
- Terri Couse will attend the onsite kickoff meeting and all check ins. Thanks Terri.
- Judges so far: Terri, Jerry, Robb, Loren, and Dorothy. Planning committee: Brian, Terri, Dorothy, Jerry, Robb, and maybe Loren.
- Thank you, Brian, for making the awards!
- Please let Dorothy(wwtrobin36@gmail.com) know if you want to judge or join the planning committee.

Miscellaneous:

- **The 3rd Thursday of the month will be the meeting day.** TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will be the on-site location, but if you cannot make it to the site, please call in. The conference call number is **(267)807-9587 code 327768#**.

Next Meeting: May 21st, at 10 a.m. at TriCo WRRF or call in

Agenda: Conference topics/speakers
WW Challenge recap
Safety Audits