

State News for NSPE Members

2022 Joint Engineers Conference Speaker Registration

Speaker registration is open for the 2022 Joint Engineers Conference, November 2–4 at the Delta Colonial Hotel in Helena. Individuals interested in applying for a speaker role must submit a form located on the [JEC website](#).

All submissions will be reviewed and speakers that are chosen will be notified in late May. Speakers are welcome to attend the entire conference and awards banquet. They will also receive double PDH credit for their presentation sessions.

State Will Appeal Environmental Impact Decision

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality will appeal a recent decision that found the agency inadequately analyzed the potential environmental impacts of a proposed copper mine near a tributary of the Smith River, the [Billings Gazette reported](#).

State District Court Judge Katherine Bidegaray ruled late last week that DEQ erred in its issuance of a mine operating permit for the Black Butte Copper Project near White Sulphur Springs. The judge found the agency's determination that storage of tailings, and specifically a plan to use cement to stabilize and store tailings, reached unsupported or questionable conclusions.

Musselshell Water Project Receives \$37 Million in Federal Funds

Construction of phase two of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System will be made possible thanks to an additional \$37 million. The funds are coming from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the [Billings Gazette reported](#).

In all, the act will appropriate about \$194 million for the Rocky Boy's/North Central Water System, \$56 million for the Musselshell-Judith Water System, and \$17

million for the Fort Peck/Dry Prairie Water System.

"These rural water systems are essential to growing communities and creating jobs in central and eastern Montana," said US Senator Jon Tester in a statement.



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Take the 2022 Engineering Outlook Survey

Share your opinions on current issues affecting the practice of engineering by completing the 2022 *Engineering Outlook Survey*. The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Once completed, you will have the option to enter our drawing for one of four \$50 Amazon gift cards.

All responses will be kept anonymous and only used in aggregated results unless you give us permission to contact you regarding your responses. The results of the survey will be shared in an upcoming article in *PE* magazine, as well as other NSPE publications (website, newsletters, social media, etc.).

[Start the survey.](#)

NSPE Endorses Sustainability and Resilience Statement

NSPE believes licensed professional engineers should be good stewards of the environment in order to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The NSPE Board of Directors recently endorsed “[The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change](#),” a statement intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives. Facilitated by Engineering Change Lab-USA, the statement was prepared with input from a working group of sixteen organizations including NSPE.

[Read more about NSPE’s position on the environment, sustainability, and resilience.](#)

New Live Webinar Series: Workability Wednesdays

Would colleagues consider you workable? How easy is it for you to mold, flow, and bend in today’s work environment? Is your knowledge up-to-date and relevant? Please join us for this [new webinar series](#) to learn more about topics impacting the industry and to enhance your competencies in the profession.



These live and interactive webinars are **free** to NSPE members and will be held at 2:00 pm EDT on the first and third Wednesday of the months of April, May, and June. The next webinar on April 20 will focus on [The Future of Wichita’s Water - The Northwest Water Treatment Facility](#).

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