



CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING: LEAD, PFCs, AND OTHER THREATS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER

Tom Neltner, Chemicals Policy Director, Environmental Defense Fund



Tom Neltner is EDF's Chemicals Policy Director, leading efforts to remove or minimize hazardous chemicals from products and the marketplace through cross-cutting policy initiatives. His primary focus is on food additive safety and reducing exposure to lead in our homes and communities. He is a chemical engineer and attorney with experience in chemical safety issues in the workplace, the environment, the home, consumer products, and food. Tom serves on EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee and played a leading role in an EPA-convened, multi-stakeholder workgroup that made recommendations to the agency to upgrade its lead in drinking water regulations.

Claire L. Barnett, Executive Director, Healthy Schools Network

Claire L. Barnett is Founder and Executive Director of the Healthy Schools Network, a national 501c3 not-for-profit environmental health research, education, and advocacy organization, founded in 1995, and the Coordinator of the unincorporated national Coalition for Healthier Schools, co-convened by the Network's board and national partners to provide the platform and the forum for environmental health at school. In 2017, Barnett was honored with two national awards: the William K. Reilly Award from American University School of Public Policy for Environmental Leadership, and the American Public Health Association's David P. Rall Award for Advocacy in Public Health. In 2016, her office championed the nation's first law requiring all public schools to test at the tap for lead.



**Alan Roberson, Executive Director,
Association of State Drinking Water Administrators**



Alan Roberson is Executive Director of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), whose members are state drinking water agencies. Mr. Roberson has over 27 years of experience in the development of drinking water policy and federal drinking water regulations. He has worked in Washington, DC on a wide variety of water quantity, water quality, and security and preparedness issues.

He continues to provide his technical and policy input on all aspects of the drinking water regulations, as well as working on potential amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). He works closely with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on ensuring the safety and reliable of water systems. He has published over 35 peer-reviewed publications covering a broad range of drinking water policy and science policy issues ranging from disinfection by-products (DBPs) to nitrate to Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) to arsenic.

BRIEFING MODERATED BY:

Dr. Sridhar Vedachalam, Director

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Dr. Sridhar (Sri) Vedachalam is Director of the Safe Drinking Water Research and Policy Program at the Northeast-Midwest Institute. His responsibilities include completing a State of the Region Report funded by the US Geological Survey that examines water monitoring in the region, a new study of drinking water treatment costs on the Mississippi River, and ongoing research relating to safe drinking water.

He is author and co-author of numerous articles in scientific journals. His expertise in environmental science, water quality, drinking water, and water infrastructure, and his academic training in science, engineering, and economics enable a holistic approach to critical water issues facing the region. His prior work has addressed nationally relevant issues such as affordability, aging infrastructure, extreme weather impacts, financing, and non-point source pollution. He has conducted research at the water institutes at Cornell and Johns Hopkins universities, and most recently, served as an Environmental Legislative Fellow in the House of Representatives with Congressman Matt Cartwright (PA). He holds a PhD from The Ohio State University.

