2019 Midwest Hydro Users Group and National Hydropower Association Midwest Meeting
Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport - 7901 34th Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55425

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  MHUG Owners’ Meeting
Must be owner/operator of hydro facility to attend

12:00–1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Tour of Byllesby Dam - Buses departing at 1:00 p.m. sharp

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  Welcome Networking Reception
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, October 2  MHUG and NHA Regional Meeting

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.  Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jae Houtman, MHUG President
Malcolm Woolf, NHA

8:45 - 9:15 a.m.  NHA Washington Update - Malcolm Woolf, NHA

9:15 - 9:45 a.m.  MHUG Board Election Results, Committee Updates & Women in Waterpower Mentorship Program
Speakers: Jae Houtman, MHUG President
Nora Rosemore, Minnesota Power

9:45 - 10:15 a.m.  United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Nick Utrop, USFWS

10:15 -10:30 a.m.  Morning Break

10:30- 11:45 a.m.  Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
The FERC session will help you use all the tools to communicate with FERC from eFile / eLibrary to your project’s service list. It will then switch gears to discuss what you should be monitoring during a high flow event and what you should be learning from it.

How to communicate formally with the FERC - Rachel Price, Management and Program Analyst, FERC

Monitoring during a high water event - Kevin Griebenow, Branch 2 Supervisor, Chicago Regional Office, FERC

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Hydropower Foundation - Bree Mendlin, Hydropower Foundation

12:00–1:00 p.m.  Networking Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  **DOE WPTO Overview and Update**
DOE’s Water Power Technology Office will provide updates on the HydroWIRES initiative, what’s new for 2020, and updates on the NREL-DOE RAPID project and the PNNL-DOE Flow Measurement project.

  **Moderator:** Corey Vezina, Department of Energy  
  **Speakers:** Aaron Levine, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)  
  Brian Bellgraph Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

2:00 – 2:30 p.m  **OpEx Update** - Jim Miller, Signal Hydropower Consultants

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.  **Afternoon Break**

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.  **Emergency Action Planning**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.  **Hot Topics in the Midwest**

  **Moderator:** Lesley Brotkowski, TRC

  **Byllesby Overview** - Josh Peterson, Dakota County  
  **Brainerd Licensing** - Whitney Hansen, Barr Engineering  
  **USACE Disposition Study** - David Potter, United States Army Corps of Engineers

4:45 p.m.  **Closing Remarks**

  **Speakers:** Jae Houtman, MHUG President  
  Malcolm Woolf, NHA