

# WISCONSIN WATERS

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## ISSUES & ACTIONS



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# Welcome!

7:10 - 7:15pm: **Welcome**

7:15 - 7:45pm: **Stories on Wisconsin Waters with Reporters**

7:45 - 8:15pm: **Moderated Panel Session**

8:15 - 8:35pm: **Q&A with Audience**

8:35 - 8:45pm: **Closing Remarks**

8:45 - 9:00pm: **Networking & Mingling**



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MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN  
AG & WATER DESK

# Reporters



*Madeline Heim*

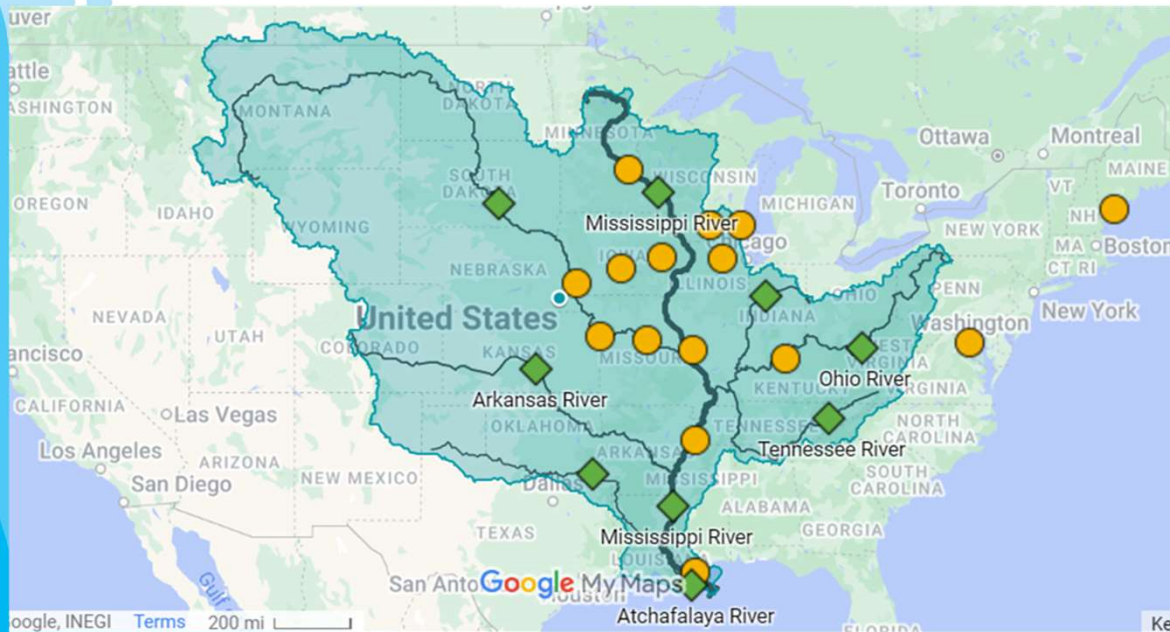
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*Bennet Goldstein*



# The Mississippi River Basin Ag & Water Desk



## *In our first year...*

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- 65 newsrooms in our distribution network
- 600+ times our stories ran in outlets across the country
- 30+ national media appearances and story pickups

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ALERT TOP STORY

## Mississippi River shipping infrastructure is aging. Who should pay for the repairs?

# Farmworkers Face Increasing Heat Waves With Little Protection

Midwest river towns seek answers after 3M factory taints water with PFAS

Millions spent to keep invasive fish out of the Great Lakes, but who is protecting the Mississippi River?



01/27/2023

## Road Salt Is Washing Into The Mississippi River... And It's Not Washing Out

CLIMATE

Mississippi River Basin adapts as climate change brings extreme rain and flooding

October 18, 2022 · 5:00 AM ET  
Heard on [All Things Considered](#)

**AP** U.S. WORLD POLITICS VIDEO SPOTLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT SPORTS BUSINESS SCIENCE FACT CHECK CLIMATE HEALTH ...

## Pumping Mississippi River water west: solution or dream?



# *Changes on the Mississippi*

***“The backwaters of the Mississippi have suffered some of the most serious degradation as a result of changing climatic conditions.”***

**- 2020 DNR report**



# *Wildlife Habitat Disruptions*

**MIKE DE SISTI/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL**



# *Dying forests*


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# *Extreme weather*

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# *PFAS & Injustice*



# PFAS foam

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**JEFFERSON**

*Pierce*



*Jefferson, Wis.*

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# Near Geiger, Ala.

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**WARNING**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
**DUMP**  
ONE MILE ON LEFT  
NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY 20 MILES  
DRIVE WITH CAUTION

*Emelle, Ala.*

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Panola, Ala.

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# Welcome Panelists



*JC Nelson*

Acting Center Director - U.S.  
Geological Survey's Upper  
Midwest Environmental  
Sciences Center



*Amy Smith*

La Crosse Urban Stormwater  
Group, Fishers and Farmers,  
and Sustainability Director for  
Habitat for Humanity of the  
Greater La Crosse Region



*Lee Donahue*

Supervisor - Town of Campbell,  
French Island



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