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Update on PFAS and Other Contaminants in Water — *T. Sowecke*
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- Identifying water contaminants
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State and Regional Water Management and Planning — *J. Fleming*
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- Future projections and challenges

Water Utility Regulation — *C.E. Davis, M. Gardner*
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Understanding Oklahoma Surface Water and Groundwater Rights — *K. Davis-Maddy*
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Examine types of water contaminants and their effects.

Learn about surface water and groundwater resources.

Discuss regulation of water utility services areas.

Explore state and regional water management and planning.

Understand Oklahoma's Flood Control Program.

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