



Enhancing water sector resilience through governance and regulatory reforms

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The U.S. water sector faces a number of challenges. However, in contrast to the 20th century when the challenges were largely chemical, biological, and physical, the most formidable obstacles ahead are social, economic, and ultimately political. While new technology may still help us make marginal improvements in water quality, contaminant detection and removal, and compliance; sustainable changes to the entire system can only be achieved through institutional reforms, effective governance, and better application of regulatory practices. Dr. Vedachalam will summarize findings from a recent report that captured the insights of water sector leaders and practitioners about how to improve health outcomes and address inequity through reforms in the water sector.

Dr. Sridhar Vedachalam is a water policy specialist and currently serves as Director of Water at the Washington, D.C.-based think tank, Environmental Policy Innovation Center. His work has addressed nationally relevant issues such as affordability, aging infrastructure, extreme weather impacts, financing, and non-point source pollution, and is cited by national, state, and local policymakers. An Ohio State alumnus, he conducted postdoctoral research at water institutes at Cornell University and Johns Hopkins University and served as a legislative fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives. Dr. Vedachalam received his PhD in environmental science and holds MS degrees in environmental economics and mechanical engineering from The Ohio State University.

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