

Kevin McGinnis Named 2021 McElhiney Distinguished Lecturer by National Ground Water Association and Groundwater Foundation

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Kevin McGinnis, President of Cotey Chemical Corporation in Lubbock Texas, has been selected as the 2021 McElhiney Distinguished Lecturer by the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) and Groundwater Foundation (GF).

The William A. McElhiney Distinguished Lecture Series in Water Well Technology was established in 2000 to foster professional excellence in water well technology. The lecture series honors William A. McElhiney, the 1948 founding president of the National Ground Water Association, and a groundwater contractor and civil engineer.

Each year, a panel of groundwater professionals invites an outstanding groundwater professional to share his or her insights and work experiences with the industry.

McGinnis' 2021 McElhiney Lecture, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Innovative Treatment Options for Established and Emerging Water Quality Issues", will address both new and established processes for drinking water treatment that will enable well drillers, hydrologists, and water system

operators to work their way through the maze of water quality uncertainty.

McGinnis has worked in the water well remediation industry for 27 years, and will also discuss how the physical, chemical, biological, and economic aspects of this issue impact just about every person in the United States and throughout the world, so groundwater professionals must tackle this issue. He will outline the need to work our way through the complexities of changing regulatory requirements, new scientific developments, and financial concerns from wellhead to tap, to a commonsense approach.

McGinnis has presented workshops across the country for the National Ground Water Association, the American Groundwater Trust, and state organizations.

"I am honored to be included in this group of distinguished lecturers," said McGinnis. "The water well industry is a great group of people and I appreciate this opportunity to connect with my peers and hopefully make an impact"

McGinnis graduated from Texas Tech University in 1984 with a degree in Business Administration and began his career in the groundwater industry when

he started working at Cotey Chemical for his father-in-law Ken James in 1993 and purchased the company in 1995. Cotey Chemical Corporation designs and manufactures products to rehabilitate and develop all types of water wells.

McGinnis has served on the board of the American Groundwater Trust for 10 years, serving as the chair for three years, and been a member of NGWA and the Texas Ground Water Association-High Plains chapter for 25 years.

Additionally, he's worked on water well rehabilitation projects in Central America, the Far East, and several states of the Middle East, and has delivered technical papers to Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the Philippine Water Works Association.

As a member of his local Rotary Club for 25 years, McGinnis was involved in drilling water wells in rural areas of Mexico and delivering medical supplies and equipment to underserved areas in South America.

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