

**Webcast Title: Black Sky Hazards and Water Sector Resilience**

Webcast Date: January 23, 2018, 2pm EST

Webcast Length: 60 minute

**Overview**

The webinar featured Dr. Paul Stockton, a well-regarded expert on disaster preparedness and the implications of extended power outages. Stockton will discuss how Black Sky power outages - outages lasting a month or more and affecting multiple states - could turn a natural or manmade disaster into a catastrophe. He also addressed resilience measures and provided insight into the factors that water and wastewater utilities might consider in order to maintain minimal service levels during Black Sky outages.

Nicholas Santillo, VP Internal Audit & Chief Security Officer for American Water, provided an overview of water sector activities related to Black Sky planning.

The webinar also featured Lauren Wisniewski, an environmental engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Water Security Division. Wisniewski provided an overview of EPA’s [Power Resilience Guide](https://www.epa.gov/communitywaterresilience/power-resilience-guide-water-and-wastewater-utilities). She also discussed upcoming EPA and sector activities focused on Black Sky outages and resilience.

The event was co-hosted by WaterISAC and the National Association of Water Companies.

Moderator: Donald Schumacher, Superintendent of Operations, Connecticut Water

**Goals/Objectives**

* To describe Black Sky hazards
* To inform participants about current water sector initiatives related to Black Sky mitigation
* To discuss available resources that support Black Sky mitigation

**Course materials and related materials**

The PowerPoint presentation, webinar recording and resources mentioned during the webinar are available at [www.waterisac.org/blacksky](http://www.waterisac.org/blacksky).

**Agenda**

* Introduction
* Black Sky Hazards and Water Sector Resilience (Dr. Paul Stockton)
* Water Sector Activities (Nicholas Santillo)
* Power Resilience and Black Sky Planning at Water Utilities (Lauren Wisniewski)
* Question and Answer Session (Stockton, Santillo, Wisniewski)
* Resources (WaterISAC staff)
* Conclusion

**Presenters (see included bios)**

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Dr. Paul Stockton is the Managing Director of Sonecon, LLC and former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. He is also the author of the *Electric Grid Protection Handbook II, Volume II: Water Sector Resilience for Black Sky Events*. As Assistant Secretary, Dr. Stockton oversaw DOD’s responses to Superstorm Sandy, Deepwater Horizon and other incidents and also guided the Defense Critical Infrastructure Protection program. Dr. Stockton has been twice awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Service and is also a recipient of the Department of Homeland Security’s Distinguished Public Service Medal.

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**About the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC)**

WaterISAC’s mission is to provide water and wastewater utilities and the federal, state, and local government agencies responsible for water security with the information and tools needed to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from all hazards.

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* A 501(c)(3) formed in 2002
* Overseen by a board of utility managers and state drinking water administrator

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