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Dr. Janet E. Stout is the director of Special Pathogens Laboratory, and a research associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. A clinical and environmental microbiologist, Dr. Stout is recognized worldwide for more than 30 years of seminal research in Legionella. Her expertise includes prevention and control strategies for Legionnaires’ disease. To date, she has evaluated all major Legionella disinfection options used today and continues to explore innovative technologies for Legionella detection and control. Dr. Stout serves on the ASHRAE SPC 188 committee that developed the first Legionella standard in the United States.

Symposium Topic

Minding the Gap in Legionella Control in New Standards and Regulations
Prior to the passage of the ASHRAE Legionella standard in June 2015, managing risk for Legionella was either voluntary or taken only after a case or an outbreak occurred. With ASHRAE 188, and emergency regulations in New York State, controlling Legionella is shifting from "you should, you can” to "you shall, you must." Learn more about Legionella in building water systems, separate myth from fact, understand the gaps between ASHRAE compliance (minimum risk management) and effective Legionella control for disease prevention.

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