

THIRD ANNUAL



# Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference

OVERLAND PARK MARRIOTT | KANSAS  
May 11-13, 2016

The Region's Most Important Environmental Compliance Event of the Year

## Host & Partners



## With input and participation from



## Conference Day 1

Day 1, Wednesday, May 11

### Grand Foyer

2:00 pm Registration and Check-In

3:00 – 5:00 pm **PLENARY SESSION, Salons A-E**

3:00 pm **Environmental Staff Training**

- KEITH PIONTEK, TRC Solutions (Moderator)
- Safe(r) Communications in an Age of Transparency
- JESSIE MERRIGAN, Lathrop & Gage
- RICE MACT and Boiler MACT – Common Compliance Challenges and Solutions

- JAMES VANASSCHE, GHD
- What Every EHS Staff Should Know about Monitoring and Modeling
- ROBYNN ANDRACSEK, Burns & McDonnell
- Common NPDES Mistakes and the Importance of Good Data
- MARGARET RICHARDS, Lathrop & Gage
- SUSAN MCCART, SCS Engineers
- Mechanical Integrity testing related to SPCC and RMP Plans; applicable codes, frequency, and other key items in developing a good MI program
- SHAWN ZABLOCKI, Olsson Associates
- You Don't Have to Go with the Flow!
- Stream base flow assumptions drive effluent limitations, but too often permittees accept the default value that the agency puts in the permit. Learn how to calculate acceptable higher base flows

and permit limits.  
ROB MORRISON, Barr Engineering

## Quail Ballroom

### 5:00 pm Welcome Reception (Open to all attendees)

Please join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

### 6:00 pm End of Day 1

# Conference Day 2

## Day 2, Thursday, May 12

### Grand Foyer

### 7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

### 7:50 am-12:35 pm PLENARY SESSION, Salons A-F

#### 7:50 am Welcome

DAVID SHORR, Partner, Lathrop & Gage LLP

### 8:00 am State and Regional Priorities for 2016-17: A

#### Candid Conversation with State Directors and the US EPA Regional Administrator

MARK HAGUE, Regional Administrator, US EPA  
Region 7

WILLIAM EHM, Administrator, IDNR

JIM MACY, Director, NDEQ

JOHN MITCHELL, Director, Environment, KDHE

LEANNE TIPPETT MOSBY, Director, DEQ, MDNR

DAVID SHORR, Lathrop & Gage (Moderator)

### 8:50 am Approaches to Achieving Water Quality

#### Standards: The Chesapeake Bay Experience

Mr. DiPasquale will provide a brief history and overview of the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort, describe its principal drivers (both regulatory and non-regulatory), identify essential management system components and tools, summarize progress to date and discuss emerging issues and challenges.

NICK DiPASQUALE, Director, US EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office

ROB MORRISON, Barr (Moderator)

### 9:30 am Break Grand Foyer

### 9:50 am Regional Water Issues: A Conversation with Local, State and Federal Regulators

Nutrients, WOTUS Me Worry? Water Quality Standards, infrastructure, Climate Change, and other Water Resource and Water Quality Issues

KAREN FLOURNOY, Region 7 US EPA

JOHN MADRAS, Chief WPP, MDNR

TOM STILES, Director, Bureau of Water, KDHE

MARTY LINK, Administrator, Water Qual. Div., NDEQ

ED GALBRAITH, Barr Engineering (Moderator)

### 10:30 am Next Generation Compliance: Next Steps

A review of the ongoing efforts of USEPA to reinvent compliance utilizing new technologies, data collection/analysis, smarter permits, advanced emissions testing and reporting, and greater transparency.

DAVID HINDIN, OECA, US EPA

DEL EHRICH, Faegre Baker Daniels (Moderator)

### Please pick up your box lunch in the Grand Foyer

### 11:20 pm Working Lunch Salons A-F

### 11:40 am Compliance Tools in a Changing World

Corporate Demonstration Project; Legal Considerations when carrying out an Audit; Top Ten Tips for Conducting an Audit; EPA's new Self-Disclosure e-disclosure Policy

LISA FUNDERBURG, Stinson Leonard Street

SARAH TOEVS SULLIVAN, Stinson Leonard Street

NICK STEINKE, Tellevate (Moderator)

### 12:35 pm End of Plenary Session

### 12:45-2:45 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Two Tracks)

#### Track One, Salons A-E

### 12:45 pm Electric Utility Carbon Future in Region 7

The Federal Clean Power Plan is stayed. The DC Circuit Court of Appeals will likely rule this fall. In the meantime, electricity providers in Region 7 face a host of regulatory drivers that affect future plans, including state renewable portfolio standards, state energy efficiency programs, interstate NOx transport rules for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards, and SO<sub>2</sub> nonattainment designations. This session will address new uncertainties for the CPP, compare state plans, and address non-regulatory drivers.

DAVID SHANKS, Boeing

TIM WILSON, Empire District Electric Company

BLOCK ANDREWS, Burns & McDonnell

OLIVIA LUCAS, Faegre Baker Daniels  
(Moderator)

### 1:40 pm Mini Break Grand Foyer

### 1:50 pm Strategic Planning for Environmental Staffing

One survey says 72% of EH&S professionals believe they are understaffed. We'll discuss environmental staff benchmarks and strategies for addressing this issue, including risks and approaches for where

environmental staff report within an organization.  
BRIAN WANZENRIED, Gavilon

## 2:15 pm Key Trends and Goals in Corporate Sustainability; Drawing a Nexus Between EHS and Sustainability

A discussion of new developments in sustainability, particularly how it has evolved to overlap with traditional business practices, including EH&S, marketing, operations, and supplier management.  
LISA GRICE, Ramboll Environ

## 2:45 pm End of Track One Networking Break Grand Foyer

### Track Two, Salon F

#### 12:45 pm Water and Waste Issues

- 1. Watershed Panel Discussion / Q & A: Follow-up to Keynote Address**  
NICK DIPASQUALE, US EPA  
KAREN FLOURNOY, US EPA Region 7  
PHIL WALSAK, MPUA
- 2. TSCA, 2016 CDR, and Possible TSCA Changes/Reforms**  
GAVIN THOMPSON, Ramboll Environ
- 3. Next Generation Compliance – Water and Waste Examples**  
States and US EPA are already implementing Next Gen practices. Hear about NPDES and RCRA examples of advanced monitoring, transparency, and electronic reporting innovations in permits, rules, and enforcement, from use of text message notifications of CSOs to centralized monitoring of leak detection for USTs.  
DAVID HINDIN, US EPA, OECA

#### 1:40 pm Mini Break Grand Foyer

#### 1:50 pm Resume Water and Waste Issues

- 4. Spill Plans Made Simple: Avoiding Noncompliance and Common Findings**  
JENNIFER HIATT, GHD Services Inc.
- 5. New Hazardous Waste Generator Rules**  
MATT SHANAHAN, Burns & McDonnell
- 6. Form R Tips and Trip Ups**  
NIKKI CHAVEZ, iSi Environmental

## 2:45 pm End of Track Two Networking Break Grand Foyer

### 3:00-5:15 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Two Tracks)

#### Track One, Salons A-E

##### 3:00 pm State Agency Breakout Session

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources**  
Coal combustion residuals, numeric nutrient criteria, Clean Power Plan, Ozone, Sulfur dioxide, Long-term stewardship, MRBCA/RBTL update, Community

services, Budget, and Legislation.  
LEANNE TIPPETT MOSBY, Director, DEQ, MDNR  
JOHN MADRAS, Director, Water Protection Program  
KYRA MOORE, Director, Clean Air Program  
CHRIS NAGEL, Director, Solid Waste Program  
STEVE STURGESS, Director, Haz. Waste Program

#### 3:50 pm Mini Break Grand Foyer

##### 4:00 pm Resume State Agency Breakout Session

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources**  
**Making Hazardous/Non-Hazardous Waste Determinations**  
This presentation was developed for businesses that generate waste.  
SUSAN JOHNSON, Environmental Specialist Senior, Solid Waste Section  
**Hot Topics in Industrial NPDES permitting**  
This presentation will include electronic reporting, 316(a) & (b), antidegradation, nutrients, GPs 8 & 9, new databases for GPs, steam electric ELGs, & UAAs.  
WENDY HIEB, Environmental Specialist Senior, NPDES Section  
GRANT HARSE, Lathrop & Gage (Moderator)

#### 5:15 pm End of Track One

#### 5:15 pm Networking Reception (Open to all attendees) Salons G-J/Grand Foyer Please join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

#### 6:30 pm End of Day 2

### Track Two, Salon F

##### 3:00 pm State Agency Breakout Session

**Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality**  
Permit Assistance Visits, ePermitting, Ethanol, Avian Influenza, ammonia (NPDES), AWIN, DEQ inspection/assistance process, and DEQ metrics  
JIM MACY, Director, NDEQ  
KARA VALENTINE, Deputy Director, Air & Land  
MARTY LINK, Administrator, Water Quality Division  
JOE FRANCIS, Associate Director Field Services and Assistance  
SHAWN ZABLOCKI, Olsson Associates (Moderator)

#### 3:50 pm Mini Break Grand Foyer

##### 4:00 pm Resume State Agency Breakout Session

**Kansas Department of Health and Environment**  
New regulations under development for underground storage tanks in Kansas, and Tools for long-term stewardship of contaminated facilities in Kansas  
MARCUS MEERIAN, Preventative Unit Chief  
MAGGIE WEISER, Long-Term Stewardship and Information Management Unit Chief  
JEFF DEXTER, iSi Environmental (Moderator)

#### 5:15 pm End of Track One

5:15 pm **Networking Reception** (Open to all attendees)

**Salons G-J/Grand Foyer**

Please join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

6:30 pm **End of Day 2**

## Conference Day 3

Friday, May 13

### Grand Foyer

7:00 am **Full Buffet Breakfast**

7:45 am-9:25 am **PLENARY SESSION, Salons A-E**

7:45 am **Welcome**

KIMBERLY BAUMAN, Mississippi Lime Co.

7:50 am **Regional Air Issues Roundtable**

This session will address regional and national priorities for Ozone, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Clean Power Plan, modeling, transport issues, and more.

MIKE JAY, US EPA Region 7

KYRA MOORE, Director APCP, MDNR

RICK BRUNETTI, Director of the Bureau of Air, KDHE

CARRIE WIESE, Unit Supervisor, Air Quality Division, NDEQ

AMANDA GRAOR, Air Quality Program Mgr., MARC

GARY PENDERGRASS, GeoEngineers

(Moderator)

8:35 am **Regional and State Enforcement Priorities**

This session will address the interaction between state and federal enforcement, highlight key areas of regional concern, and address both US EPA and state priorities in air, waste and water.

DAVE COZAD, US EPA Regional Counsel, Region 7

TIM DUGGAN, Missouri AGO

ED TORMEY, Iowa DNR

DARIAN DERNOVISH, KDHE

PARTHY EVANS, Stinson Leonard Street

(Moderator)

9:25 am **End of Plenary Session**

**Networking Break Grand Foyer**

9:45 am-12:00 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Three Tracks)**

### Track One, Salons A-D

9:45 am **Municipal, Higher Education, and Federal Facility Breakout**

1. Emergency Management Primer

PAUL RICHMOND, Iowa State University

STEPHEN SIMPSON, Iowa State University

2. **Hazardous Waste Generator Improvement Rule**

TODD HOUTS, University of Missouri

3. **Benchmarking Energy and Water Use in Large Buildings in KC**

DENNIS MURPHEY, City of Kansas City

4. **Clean Watershed Needs Assessment**

PHIL WALSACK, MPUA

5. **What Caused Flint**

TODD HOUTS, University of Missouri

10:45 am **Mini Break Grand Foyer**

10:55 am **Resume Municipal, Higher Education, and Federal Facility Breakout (Q&A)**

**Expert Panel for Q&A**

A. DAVID INYANG, PhD, Iowa State University

PHIL WALSACK, MPUA

TODD HOUTS, University of Missouri

MIKE RUSSELL, University of Kansas

JOHN MADRAS, MDNR

DENNIS MURPHEY, City of Kansas City

BRANDY DULCEAK OLSON, JD, CCEP, Director, Legal and Regulatory Services, Muscatine Power & Water

AURORA SHIELDS, Water Quality Manager, City of Lawrence

MIKE LINDER, Koley Jessen (Moderator)

12:00 pm **End of Conference**

### Track Two, Salon E

9:45 am **US EPA Region 7's Risk Management**

**Program and Regulatory Updates**

Learn about the RMP rule, US EPA Region 7's most common inspection observations, and potential changes to modernize the regulation.

PATRICIA REITZ, RMP & EPCRA non-313 Team Lead US EPA Region 7

SCOTT HAYES, Chemical & Oil Release Prevention Branch Chief, US EPA Region 7

**Solid Waste Reduction: Working Toward Zero Waste**

Is achieving Zero Landfill status really doable? This session explains how local manufacturing firms and governments have achieved zero or near zero landfill status, the costs, and what the hurdles are.

KURT GERDES, TRC Solutions

**CCR RULE Compliance: Innovative Use of Geophysics to Certify Landfill Stability and Site Groundwater Monitoring Wells in Karst**

This presentation addresses innovative geophysical techniques being employed to certify utility waste landfill stability in karst and to site groundwater monitoring wells in karst.

GARY PENDERGRASS, PE, RG, GeoEngineers, Inc.

10:45 am **Mini Break Grand Foyer**

## 10:55 am Innovative Management

### Environmental Compliance and Information Systems

EMILY MUTH, Omaha Public Power District

### PAL Case Study: Plant-wide Applicability Limit for Campus Air Permits

INGRID GRONSTAL-ANDERSON, Utilities & Energy Management, University of Iowa

MELISSA ELLIS, Tellevate (Moderator)

## 12:00 pm End of Conference

## QuickTrack Three, Salon F

### 10:15 am Potpourri

#### 1. Grain Facility NSPS Updates

MELISSA ELLIS, Tellevate

#### 2. PSD Permits—The Evolving Beast

What does it take to get a PSD permit? A review of key advancements in the requirements associated with PSD permitting, strategies, common pitfalls; understanding the respective roles of USEPA and States; managing public engagement and other critical information for those charged with this difficult permitting task.

KASI DUBBS, Trinity Consultants

STEPHEN BRUCKNER, Fraser Stryker

#### 3. SO<sub>2</sub> Regional NAAQS Update: Where are we in the process designation?

MIKE LIEBERT, Trinity Consultants

## 11:15 am End of QuickTrack Three

## 12:00 pm End of Conference

## Speaker Biographies

---

### Robynn Andracsek, Burns & McDonnell

[randracsek@burnsmcd.com](mailto:randracsek@burnsmcd.com)

Robynn Andracsek, PE, is an air permitting engineer from in Kansas City, MO. She has a BS in mechanical engineering and a MS in environmental engineering, both from the Univ. of KS. She has 19 years of experience in air permitting with emphasis on the utility industry. A frequent writer and speaker, she is a contributing editor to *Power Engineering* and *Engineering360* magazines.

### Block Andrews, Burns & McDonnell

[bandrews@burnsmcd.com](mailto:bandrews@burnsmcd.com)

Block Andrews currently serves as Strategic Environmental Solutions Director at Burns & McDonnell. In his role, he evaluates impacts of environmental legislation and regulation on industry. Block is a registered P.E. and has a Master's Degree in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Illinois.

### Kimberly S.L. Bauman, Ph.D., Mississippi Lime Company

[kslbauman@mississippilime.com](mailto:kslbauman@mississippilime.com)

Kimberly is Director, Environmental Affairs and has over 25 years of multi-state experience in environmental consulting & heavy industry, focusing on environmental policy & air quality management issues. She has also served, and presently serves, as the chairperson for various environmental committees.

### Stephen Bruckner, Fraser Stryker

[sbruckner@fraserstryker.com](mailto:sbruckner@fraserstryker.com)

Steve concentrates his practice in the field of energy, environmental, and natural

resources law. He serves as lead counsel for a major Midwestern electric utility and also represents natural gas pipeline and distribution companies. His work includes complex environmental cleanup, enforcement, and citizen suit litigation. Steve has litigated rate cases at the commission, trial, and appellate court levels.

### Rick Brunetti, KDHE

[rbrunetti@kdheks.gov](mailto:rbrunetti@kdheks.gov)

Rick Brunetti is the Director of the Bureau of Air for KDHE. He has been in that position for the past 8 years. Prior to his appointment as Director, he served as the District Environmental Administrator for KDHE's northcentral district office in Salina. Mr. Brunetti currently resides in Topeka with his wife and three children.

### Nikki Chavez, iSi Environmental

[NChavez@isienvironmental.com](mailto:NChavez@isienvironmental.com)

Nikki Chavez is the Manager of Environmental Consulting Services at iSi Environmental in Wichita, Kansas. Nikki provides technical support on consulting service projects and has over 11 years' experience in environmental compliance issues. She has a BA in Biology from Newman University and is a CHMM.

### David Cozad, EPA Region 7

[cozad.david@epa.gov](mailto:cozad.david@epa.gov)

Dave is Regional Counsel for EPA Region 7. He leads the group of lawyers who help Region 7 carry out EPA's mission in the Midwest.

### Darian Dernovich, KDHE

[ddernovich@kdheks.gov](mailto:ddernovich@kdheks.gov)

### Jeff Dexter, iSi Environmental

[jdexter@isienvironmental.com](mailto:jdexter@isienvironmental.com)

Jeff Dexter is in Business Development at iSi Environmental in Wichita. Jeff provides technical sales support for the consulting service group and has over 17 years experience in environmental compliance issues. Jeff has a BS in Biology from Southwestern College and is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM).

### Nicholas DiPasquale, US EPA

[dipasquale.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:dipasquale.nicholas@epa.gov)

Nicholas DiPasquale is the Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program Office, a unique regional partnership program coordinating the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed since 1983. US EPA coordinates activities and implements strategies for meeting the restoration goals of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, covering 64,000 square miles across MD, VA, PA, NY, WV, DE, and DC. He previously served as Deputy Secretary in the PA Department of Environmental Protection, Director of the Environmental Management Center for the Brandywine Conservancy in Chadds Ford, PA and as Secretary of the DE Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. He earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the SUNY, and a master's degree in Energy and Environmental Policy from Washington Univ. in St. Louis.

### Kasi Dubbs, PE, CM, Trinity Consultants

[kdubbs@trinityconsultants.com](mailto:kdubbs@trinityconsultants.com)

Kasi manages Trinity's Kansas City environmental consulting operations. Her focus is on regulatory compliance strategies, air quality permitting, & air dispersion modeling. She works in a number of different industries & US EPA regions, with an emphasis on Region 7.

### Tim Duggan, Missouri AGO

[tim.duggan@ago.mo.gov](mailto:tim.duggan@ago.mo.gov)

Timothy P. Duggan graduated from St. Louis Univ. School of Law in 1979. He was an associate counsel for the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission before joining the AGO in 1986. He is the acting chief counsel for the Agriculture and Environment Division. Tim has written chapters covering administrative, employment, and environmental law for deskbooks published by the Missouri Bar.

LATHROP & GAGE<sub>LLP</sub>



## Speaker Biographies, continued

---

**William Ehm, IDNR**

[William.Ehm@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:William.Ehm@dnr.iowa.gov)

Born and raised in Creston, IA, Bill Ehm returned to the area after graduating from Iowa State Univ. to farm and feed livestock. In 1989, Gov. Branstad appointed Bill to the Environmental Protection Commission. After serving three terms, he began working for IDNR full time in 2000, focusing on the intersection of water quality and agriculture. He is Division Administrator, Environmental Services Division.

**Delmar Ehrich, Faegre Baker Daniels**

[Delmar.Ehrich@faegrebd.com](mailto:Delmar.Ehrich@faegrebd.com)

Delmar Ehrich is a nationally recognized trial lawyer who focuses on complex environmental litigation and has appeared in Federal and state courts in every region of the US. Delmar has represented clients in natural resources damages actions arising under state and Federal law. He represents clients in enforcement matters brought by US EPA, including Region 7, under all federal environmental regulatory programs. He conducts his nationwide practice from Minneapolis.

**Melissa Ellis, CPEA, GPCP, Tellevate**

[mellis@tellevate.com](mailto:mellis@tellevate.com)

Melissa is a Senior Consultant at Tellevate. She is a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor and conducts compliance & EMS audits, develops EHS management systems, & provides training for government, public utility, & commercial clients. Her career began with NDEQ Air Quality Division, where she spent 17 years conducting inspections, providing technical assistance and training.

**Parthy Evans, Stinson Leonard Street LLP**

[PEvans@stinson.com](mailto:PEvans@stinson.com)

Parthy is a partner in the firm's KC office. Her practice spans the areas of environment, energy, natural resources & agriculture. She has a wide variety of experience in environmental regulatory & administrative matters, pre-litigation settlements, internal investigations, corporate & property transactions & water rights. Her practice includes defense of environmental criminal allegations.

**Karen Flournoy, Dir., Water Wetlands & Pesticides Division, US EPA Region 7**

[flournoy.karen@epa.gov](mailto:flournoy.karen@epa.gov)

Karen is responsible for all aspects of the Clean Water Act & Safe Drinking Water Act programs for US EPA Region 7, along with the pesticides and lead-based paint programs. She began with US EPA in 1978 & has served in a number of program and management positions. She has a BS in Civil Eng. from Univ. of MO Columbia.

**Joe Francis, Nebraska DEQ**

[joe.francis@nebraska.gov](mailto:joe.francis@nebraska.gov)

Mr. Francis is Associate Director, Field Services and Assistance, at NDEQ. He's been with the State for more than 40 years. He is responsible for program management and implementation related to small business assistance, community right to know, emergency response, and 6 field offices. He holds a bachelors degree from Univ. of NE-Lincoln and a MPA from Univ. of NE-Omaha.

**Lisa A. Funderberg, Stinson Leonard Street**

[Lisa.Funderburg@stinson.com](mailto:Lisa.Funderburg@stinson.com)

Lisa is a partner in the firm's Environment & Natural Resources Group. She assists clients in a range of environmental issues before both Federal and state agencies. Prior to joining the firm Lisa was the sole in-house environmental counsel for Ralston Purina Company and then Energizer Holdings, where she capped off her 25-year in-house career as Chief Environmental Health & Safety Counsel. In that role she oversaw all environmental matters, transactions, environmental litigation and real estate matters for the global consumer goods and personal care company with 16,000 employees in 50 countries.

**Kurt Gerdes, TRC Solutions**

[kgerdes@trcsolutions.com](mailto:kgerdes@trcsolutions.com)

Kurt Gerdes is an accomplished executive with strengths that include change

management, team building, and creating cost savings by implementing sustainable waste reduction/reuse programs in manufacturing environments. Prior to TRC he spent 17 years in the cement industry. Kurt helps clients be aware of TRC's engineering services and set the direction & primary strategy for identifying reuse markets. He has a BS from Univ. of Central MO, Warrensburg.

**Amanda Graor, Mid-America Regional Council**

[agraor@MARC.org](mailto:agraor@MARC.org)

Amanda is the Air Quality Program Manager at MARC in Kansas City. Her work includes education & outreach on criteria pollutants & other air quality concerns, the regional ridesharing program, and facilitation of the regional Air Quality Forum. She has a degree in earth system science & engineering from the Univ. of MI & maintains active involvement in the community through Historic Green, Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity, & other non-profit organizations.

**Lisa Grice, Ramboll Environ**

[lgrice@ramboll.com](mailto:lgrice@ramboll.com)

Lisa Grice is an internationally known expert in sustainability and climate change. From strategy to implementation, she has 30 years of experience advising at the Board and executive levels (EH&S/Operations/Marketing/Communications). Her private clients span a range of sectors including aviation, oil & gas, retail, power chemicals, manufacturing, and food & beverage. She helps clients meet business-relevant sustainability goals in operations, with products, and with suppliers.

**Ingrid Gronstal Anderson, Univ. of Iowa**

[ingrid-gronstal@uiowa.edu](mailto:ingrid-gronstal@uiowa.edu)

Ingrid is an Environmental Compliance Specialist with Facilities Management–Utilities & Energy Management at Univ. of Iowa. She is a 2011 graduate of Univ. of Iowa College of Law, and received her BS from Univ. of Iowa. She interned with Plains Justice, an environmental law center previously based in Cedar Rapids.

**Mark J. Hague, Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 7**

Mark is the Regional Administrator for US EPA Region 7, which covers MO, IA, NE, KS and nine tribal nations. He has 35 years of experience with US EPA. He served Region 7 in a variety of leadership roles before assuming his current position. He has worked with US EPA his entire career, beginning in Washington, DC and has been with US EPA Region 7 since 1989. Hague graduated from Northwest Missouri State Univ. with a degree in Political Science/Public Administration.

**Grant Harse, Lathrop & Gage LLP**

[gharse@lathropgage.com](mailto:gharse@lathropgage.com)

Grant Harse is an associate attorney with Lathrop & Gage, practicing in the areas of environmental, natural resources, and agribusiness law. He has experience in both state and Federal regulatory enforcement. He previously represented KDHE in matters including enforcement pursuant to state and Federal law in water quality and hazardous substance remediation.

**Scott Hayes, US EPA**

[hayes.scott@epa.gov](mailto:hayes.scott@epa.gov)

Mr. Hayes is Chief of the Chemical & Oil Release Prevention Branch at US EPA Region 7. He oversees program implementation and enforcement of chemical release prevention under the CAA 112(r) and EPCRA, as well as oil spill prevention under the CWA/Oil Pollution Act and Solid Waste Disposal Act. He has 26 years of experience in emergency planning, response, and abandoned waste site cleanups.

**Jennifer Hiatt, GHD**

[jennifer.hiatt@ghd.com](mailto:jennifer.hiatt@ghd.com)

Ms. Hiatt is a chemical engineer in the Des Moines office with 8 years of experience in environmental services. Her objective is balancing requirements for compliance with practicality for facility implementation. She is a licensed P.E. (IL, IA, KS) and holds Project Management Professional certification.

Wendy Hieb, Iowa DNR  
wendy.hieb@dnr.iowa.gov

Wendy received her BS in Ecology from the Univ. of Florida and her MS in Water Resources Science from the Univ. of Minnesota. She worked for US EPA consulting firms in DC and Minnesota prior to joining Iowa DNR in 2006. Wendy has been in the NPDES section for nearly 10 years and has been the industrial NPDES permitting coordinator for the last two years.

David A. Hindin, US EPA  
hindin.david@epa.gov

Mr. Hindin is Sr. Policy Director for Innovation & Next Generation Compliance in US EPA's Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance. He leads the Next Generation Compliance initiative, which seeks to reduce pollution using better rule design, advanced monitoring, electronic reporting, expanded transparency and innovative enforcement. He has held a variety of leadership positions in enforcement and the TRI program. He was an early proponent of e-reporting, initiating the development of electronic reporting tools to help regulated entities submit wastewater (DMR) and TRI reports. He has a BS from Univ. of Michigan, an MS from Arizona State Univ., and a JD from Univ. of California, Berkeley.

Todd Houts, Director, EHS, University of Missouri  
houtst@missouri.edu

Todd received his degree in Chemistry from Eastern IL Univ. & went on to work for Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at the Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign in 1987. In 2003 he moved to the Univ. of MO where he is currently the Director of EHS. A roller coaster enthusiast, he has ridden over 400 unique installations.

A. David Inyang, Iowa State University  
adinyan@iastate.edu

Dr. Inyang has worked in environmental health and safety for the past 39 years in both the private and public sectors. He has spent the last 30 years mainly in campus EH&S. He is Asst. Vice President for Environmental Health & Safety at Iowa State Univ. with responsibilities for EH&S, emergency management & occupational medicine. David received his bachelor's degree from Southwestern College, and MS and PhD degrees from the Univ. of Oklahoma.

Mike Jay, US EPA  
jay.michael@epa.gov

Susan Johnson, Iowa DNR  
susan.johnson@dnr.iowa.gov

Susan has worked with Iowa DNR for 10 years, overseeing the special waste authorization, electronics, and appliance recycling programs. She is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager, has degrees in biology, medical technology, and is a former EMT. Her previous positions include 15 years at DuPont Research, and the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority.

Mike Liebert, Trinity Consultants  
mliebert@trinityconsultants.com

Mr. Liebert is a Managing Consultant with Trinity Consultants. He has been in the St. Louis office for the past 5 years. He has managed a wide range of projects in regulatory applicability analysis, PSD permit applications, Title V operating permit applications, MACT compliance, air dispersion modeling, and SPCC plans. He has assisted in permitting and regulatory compliance efforts for facilities in a variety of industries. Mike worked for 7 years at a large aerospace facility in St. Louis. He has a BS degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering from the Univ. of Kentucky and an MS degree in Engineering Management from Washington Univ. in St. Louis.

Mike Linder, Koley Jessen  
mike.linder@koleyjessen.com

Mike Linder is an attorney with Koley Jessen in Omaha. He practices in the areas of environmental regulation, permitting, compliance, and policy with experience in state, local, and Federal environmental laws dealing with water, air, ground-water, and waste management. Mike served as Director of NDEQ from 1999 to

2013. He is past President of ECOS and chair of the NE State Bar Association (Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section). Mike received his BS degree from Univ. of South Dakota and his JD degree from the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Marty Link, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality  
marty.link@nebraska.gov

Marty has worked for NDEQ since 1988. She is currently the Associate Director, Water Quality Division. She has a MS in geology from Univ. of NE-Lincoln, BS in geology from Univ. of KS, and a BA in science education from Univ. of IA. She is a licensed professional geologist in NE.

Olivia Lucas, Faegre Baker Daniels  
olivia.lucas@faegrebd.com

Olivia Lucas helps businesses solve environmental regulatory and compliance challenges in enforcement, permitting and rulemaking actions, focusing on CAA and CWA. Olivia is involved with Colorado oil and gas trade associations and the Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry in response to several Colorado proposed air quality rulemakings. Olivia defends agricultural interests on Section 404 compliance. She regularly speaks and writes on air and water-related topics for publications such as BNA and Law360.

Jim Macy, NDEQ  
jim.macy@nebraska.gov

Mr. Macy was appointed Director of the NDEQ in March, 2015. Since then, he has implemented an on-line application and approval process for Construction Stormwater permits and 4 categories of Air Construction permits, reducing the process from months to 1 day. He also has implemented a short-form compliance determination notice that is reviewed at the conclusion of inspections. He has introduced Permit Assistance Visits for new or modified facilities.

John Madras, MDNR  
john.madras@dnr.mo.gov

John is the Director of the Water Protection Program at MDNR. The WPP carries out the state and Federal clean water and drinking water responsibilities in MO.

Susan McCart, SCS Engineers  
smccart@scsengineers.com

Susie is a Sr. Project Manager with SCS in Overland Park. She has 22 years of experience in environmental consulting. She graduated from the Univ. of MO-Rolla with a degree in Geological Engineering and is a registered P.E. and R.G. Susie is the Contract Administrator for multiple MO and KS environmental services contracts, as well as Project Director for a variety of private petroleum and solid waste industry clients.

Marcus Meerian, KDHE  
mmeerian@kdheks.gov

Jessie E. Merrigan, Lathrop & Gage  
jmerrigan@lathropgage.com

Jessie is the co-chair of the Environmental practice group for Lathrop & Gage. She works with clients on a wide range of environmental matters on both the state & federal level. In addition to permitting, compliance audits & enforcement defense, she advises clients on emerging issues associated with chemical regulation.

John Mitchell, KDHE  
jmitchell@kdheks.gov

John is the Director of the Division of Environment for KDHE. He was appointed to this position in June 2008. He directs all environmental program activities for KDHE and oversees a statewide staff of approximately 400 employees. He received a bachelor's degree in Biology & Microbiology from the Univ. of KS as well as a MS degree in Environmental Health Science.



**Kyra Moore, MDNR**

[kyra.moore@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:kyra.moore@dnr.mo.gov)

Kyra is the Program Director of the MDNR's Air Pollution Control Program. She has worked for the department for 15 years & served as Director since 2011. Kyra holds a degree in ChemE from the Univ. of MO Columbia.

**Robert K. Morrison, Barr Engineering**

[RMorrison@barr.com](mailto:RMorrison@barr.com)

Rob has over 29 years of experience in water resources & environmental engineering. His background includes water permitting, water quality science, total maximum daily load studies, anti-degradation procedures, and compliance assistance. He has assisted clients with NPDES permit renewals ranging from coal combustion power plants to municipal wastewater treatment facilities. He has led & participated in the design of domestic wastewater & industrial water treatment projects. Rob worked for 24 years at MDNR.

**Leanne Tippett Mosby, MDNR**

[Leanne.TippettMosby@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:Leanne.TippettMosby@dnr.mo.gov)

Leanne has been with MDNR since 1994. She is the Director of the DEQ. She has responsibilities encompassing all of the environmental media programs (Air, Water, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste & Land Reclamation), the five regional offices, & the Environmental Services Program.

**Dennis Murphey, City of Kansas City**

[DustinMiller@iowaleague.org](mailto:DustinMiller@iowaleague.org)

Mr. Murphey is Chief Environmental Officer for Kansas City, MO. He manages the Office of Environmental Quality and provides leadership to City departments on integrating climate protection and sustainability into all operations. He serves the City Manager, Mayor, and City Council as primary advisor on all environmental issues. He promotes regional partnerships between the public and private sectors to address environmental issues.

**Emily Muth, OPPD**

[ecmuth@oppd.com](mailto:ecmuth@oppd.com)

Emily has been with Omaha Public Power Districts Environmental Affairs Division since February, 2015 as Lead Auditor. She is responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining regulatory policies, procedures, and programs to ensure environmental compliance in air, water, and waste management areas. She holds a MS in Biology from the UN-O. Previously, she was Environmental Manager for City of Grand Island Utilities.

**Christopher Nagel, MDNR**

[Christopher.Nagel@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:Christopher.Nagel@dnr.mo.gov)

Mr. Nagel holds a BS in Natural Resources from Lincoln University, as well as an Associates Degree in Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. He has been employed with MDNR for 18 years. He is Director of Solid Waste Management Program. Previously, he was Compliance/Enforcement Section Chief in SWMP and served in various enforcement positions in the Air Pollution Control Program.

**Brandy Olson, Muscantine Power & Water**

[bolson@mpw.org](mailto:bolson@mpw.org)

Ms. Olson is General Counsel and Director of Legal & Regulatory Services at MP&W, a municipal water, electric and communications utility. Her responsibilities include legal services, regulatory advising, legislative affairs, and oversight of environmental affairs & Reliability Standards. MP&W owns and operates a 293 MW capacity coal-fired electric generating station. The drinking water system serves over 9,500 households and businesses. She has a BA and a JD from the Univ. of Iowa, and recently earned a MBA from St. Ambrose Univ.

**Gary J. Pendergrass, PE, RG, GeoEngineers, MO Air Conservation Commission**

[gpendergrass@geoengineers.com](mailto:gpendergrass@geoengineers.com)

Gary provides overall direction & management for GeoEngineers geological, environmental & geotechnical projects in the Midwest & South. His background includes managing engineering & environmental projects for the utility industry

and managing CERCLA remediation projects for private industry. He serves on the MO Air Conservation Commission & MO Board for Geologist Registration.

**Keith Piontek, TRC Solutions**

[kpiontek@trcsolutions.com](mailto:kpiontek@trcsolutions.com)

Mr. Piontek manages TRC's engineering, construction, and remediation practice in the St. Louis and Kansas City offices. He is a P.E. with over 30 years of experience in the assessment and management of environmentally impaired properties. His areas of technical expertise include risk-based corrective action, monitored natural attenuation, natural source zone depletion, establishing pragmatic endpoints for active remediation systems, and litigation support.

**Kevin Perry, REGFORM**

[kperry@regform.org](mailto:kperry@regform.org)

Kevin is Assistant Director at REGFORM, a MO business association focused entirely on State environmental regulations & policies. He is a registered lobbyist & holds a BS degree in biology. He has over 20 years of experience, including work as a biologist at US EPA Office of Water. He sings in the choir at church.

**Patricia Reitz, US EPA**

[reitz.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:reitz.patricia@epa.gov)

Ms. Reitz is an environmental engineer. She has been with the US EPA Region 7 since 1988. She has experience in the statutes of RCRA, CWA, CAA, EPCRA and CERCLA. She is currently Regional Program Lead for CAA 112r, which includes the Risk Management Program and Gen'l Duty Clause, EPCRA, and CERCLA (spills).

**Margaret Richards, Lathrop & Gage LLP**

[mrichards@lathropgage.com](mailto:mrichards@lathropgage.com)

Ms. Richards handles all types of environmental litigation including public nuisance claims, Superfund litigation, CWA litigation, enforcement actions and claims alleging releases of petroleum or other hazardous substances. She also advises clients concerning: environmental due diligence investigations for buyers, sellers, and financial institutions, including assessment of real estate, regulatory compliance or operations and historical environmental matters, including US EPA's "all appropriate inquiries" standards for due diligence.

**Paul Richmond, Iowa State University**

[perichm@iastate.edu](mailto:perichm@iastate.edu)

Paul is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and Certified Safety Professional with 30 years of professional experience in the management of environmental, safety, and health issues. He is Director of the Dept. of Environmental Health & Safety at Iowa State Univ. He has managed programs in biosafety, radiation safety, fire safety, occupational medicine, hazardous materials shipping, training, and safety.

**Mike Russell, University of Kansas EHS**

[mjrussell@ku.edu](mailto:mjrussell@ku.edu)

Mike is the Director of the Dept. of Environment, Health and Safety at the Univ. of KS-Lawrence. The EHS Dept. is responsible for administering all environmental health & safety programs for the campus & its satellites. He has been at KU for 23 years and been in higher ed for 28 years.

**Matt Shanahan, Burns & McDonnell**

[mshanahan@burnsmcd.com](mailto:mshanahan@burnsmcd.com)

**David Shanks, Boeing**

[david.l.shanks@boeing.com](mailto:david.l.shanks@boeing.com)

Mr. Shanks is an Environmental Policy Analyst for The Boeing Company, monitoring and responding to state rulemaking activity in Boeing-host states other than WA, OR, and CA. He is a member of the MO Bar, with law degrees from St. Louis Univ. and Vermont Law. He taught environmental law at St. Louis Univ.

**Aurora Shields, City of Lawrence, Kansas**

[ashields@lawrenceks.org](mailto:ashields@lawrenceks.org)

Ms. Shields is a graduate of Wichita State Univ. with a BS in Chemistry. She is Water Quality Mgr for the city of Lawrence Department of Utilities providing

overall management, strategic direction and coordination of laboratory functions for water and wastewater testing. She provides technical support to plant operations, and handles regulatory compliance for water, wastewater, and labs.

David Shorr, Lathrop & Gage LLP  
dshorr@lathropgage.com

Mr. Shorr is Partner in Charge of Lathrop & Gage's Jefferson City & Columbia offices. He is the past Director of the MDNR. He represents clients in regulatory matters in the environmental, energy, & utilities arenas & handles complex cases involving the scope of legal authority and government public policy. Shorr is a registered MO lobbyist and assists clients with legislative strategies.

Stephen Simpson, Iowa State University  
sasimps@iastate.edu

Tom Stiles, KDHE  
tstiles@kdheks.gov

Steve Sturgess, MDNR  
steve.sturgess@dnr.mo.gov

Mr. Sturgess is a 30-year employee of MDNR. He is Director of the Hazardous Waste Program, a position held since April 1. Before that he was Chief of Public Drinking Water Branch, with stints in the Geological Survey Program, Land Rec. Program, and Superfund Section. He has a BS in geology from SIU-Carbondale and a MS in geology from MU. He served as president of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators from 2014-15.

Sarah Toews Sullivan, Stinson Leonard Street LLP  
sarah.sullivan@stinsonleonard.com

Sarah is a partner at Stinson Leonard. She has been practicing environmental law for nearly 30 years. She served as associate regional counsel at EPA Region 7, where she specialized in Superfund enforcement & RCRA corrective action permitting & enforcement. Sarah represents a wide variety of clients in enforcement, remediation & transactional issues. She has represented companies at numerous vapor intrusion sites around the country.

Gavin Thompson, Ramboll Environ  
gthompson@ramboll.com

Mr. Thompson is a Principal at Ramboll Environ in Phoenix. He advises manufacturers, marketers, and industry trade groups on chemical exposures to humans due to use of industrial intermediates, consumer products, food ingredients, food processing and packaging materials, household items, commercial materials and environmental media. He performs exposure and safety assessments and he supports regulatory compliance for industrial and commercial chemicals, pesticides, as well as chemicals in food, drug and cosmetic applications.

Ed Torney, Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
ed.torney@dnr.iowa.gov

Ed is General Counsel of Iowa DNR, a position held since 2004. Prior to that, Ed worked in OH, in both public and private sectors. He has over 25 years of experience practicing environmental law. He has a JD from the Univ. of Iowa School of Law.

Kara Valentine, NDEQ  
kara.valentine@nebraska.gov

Ms. Valentine is Deputy Director of Air Quality & Land Management Divisions for NDEQ, a position held since January, 2016. Prior to that, she handled environmental cases for the MO AGO and served as general counsel for MDNR. Kara is a native of South Dakota and graduated Augustana College in Sioux Falls and Washington Univ. Law School in St. Louis.

James VanAssche, GHD  
James.VanAssche@ghd.com

James has 10 years of experience providing multimedia compliance consulting support with a special emphasis on air compliance, air permitting, and air

dispersion modeling. He has provided support to multiple industries and types of facilities including chemical manufacturing, paint & coating operations, steel mills/fabrication, oil & gas exploration/production, and compressor stations.

Roger Walker JD, LL.M, REGFORM, RAWalker & Associates LLC  
rwalker@regform.org; rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com

Roger has a private legal practice focusing on permitting, compliance, and enforcement, but spends most of his time managing REGFORM, a business association in MO that works on numerous regulatory matters. He has a JD from UMKC and LLM from Lewis & Clark School of Law.

Phil Walsack, Missouri Public Utility Alliance  
pwalsack@mpua.org

Phil is the Mgr. of Environmental Services at MPUA. He advocates for municipal utilities regarding their water and wastewater regulatory needs. He has 26 years of experience in a range of environmental capacities. He has been employed by 5 government agencies, 2 not-for-profits, and 4 different engineering consulting firms. He has 4 full Rolodexes of contacts in the US and abroad.

Brian Wanzenried, P.E., Gavilon  
brian.wanzenried@gavilon.com

Mr. Wanzenried is Dir. of Environmental for Gavilon, LLC, an ag commodity provider. He has >25 years of experience in chemical & environmental engineering including regulatory compliance, safety & industrial hygiene, site assessments & cleanup, natural resources, security & transportation. He oversees environmental programs for several hundred fertilizer, grain, and ingredient facilities.

Maggie Weiser, KDHE  
mweiser@kdheks.gov

During her 9 years with KDHE Ms. Weiser has served as Remedial Section project manager, State Brownfields Coordinator, and currently Unit Chief for the Long-term Stewardship & Information Management Unit. Previously, she was an environmental scientist for the KDOT Environmental Services Section and an environmental drilling/consulting company out of Salina. Maggie holds a BA in Environmental Studies from the Univ. of Kansas.

Carrie Wiese, NDEQ  
carrie.wiese@nebraska.gov

Ms. Wiese supervises the Grants, Planning and Outreach Unit in the Air Quality Division at NDEQ. The Unit is responsible for a range of efforts concerning air quality, including emissions inventory, dispersion modeling, planning associated with air quality rules and regulations, and administration of Statewide grants and agreements with local air quality agencies. She obtained her BS and MS degrees in Natural Resource Sciences from the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Tim Wilson, Empire District Electric Co.  
szablocki@olssonassociates.com

Mr. Wilson is the Director of Energy Supply Services for the Empire District Electric Co. He holds a MS in Project Management and a BSEd in Mathematics. Tim has been with Empire for 19 years. He has worked in various areas of the company including Planning and Regulatory, Energy Trading, and Energy Supply. He leads the company's efforts on planning, developing, and constructing new generation and large capital projects, as well as heading the environmental department.

Shawn Zablocki, PE, Olsson Associates  
szablocki@olssonassociates.com

Shawn is environmental practice group leader for Olsson Associates. He works with environmental teams in each of their offices & helps grow the environmental practice firmwide. He has been instrumental in working with clients in the manufacturing sector. Shawn has 20 years of experience working in all aspects of environmental engineering and H&S.



Silver Sponsors

---

