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Monday, September 12


5:00 pm Meet and greet, appetizers and cash bar, and pick up registration packets

8:00 pm End of Meet-up

Conference Day 1

Tuesday, September 13

7:15 am	Registration and Check-In coffee and pastry
7:45 am	Log in and Tech Check

Only the sessions with the  symbol are available by streaming video.

8:00 am

Air Policy Panel Discussion 

An engaging and candid discussion of current and emerging trends in air policy including NAAQS updates, West Virginia v. US EPA, air-related National Compliance Initiatives, Regional Haze, US EPA’s Good Neighbor SIP, emerging NAAQS standards, PFAS, important SIP updates, and the changing dynamics of federal/state relations.

- DANA SKELLEY, US EPA Region 7
 STEPHEN HALL, Director, ACP, MDNR
 RICK BRUNETTI, Director, Bureau of Air, KDHE
 MARNIE STEIN, Bureau of Air, Iowa DNR
 MATTHEW LEOPOLD, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
 BRITTANY BARRIENTOS, Partner, Stinson (Moderator)

8:45 am

8:50 am

The Year in Review 


Join us for a rapid-fire round-robin recap of the massive pendulum swing with US EPA, State Agency heads, and legal and consulting experts. The Biden Administration flew out of the gates in January 2022 and hasn’t looked back.

- MEG MCCOLLISTER, Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 7
 JIM MACY, Director, Nebraska DEE
 DRU BUNTIN, Director, MDNR
 ED TORMEY, Division Administrator, Iowa DNR
 LEO HENNING, Director, Environment, KDHE
 AIMEE DAVENPORT, Stinson
 ED GALBRAITH, Barr (Moderator)

9:40 am

9:40 am Break

10:00 am

Building Environmental Compliance Programs that Outlast the Great Resignation 

Workers who voluntarily quit their jobs reached a record level of 3% in November 2020 and this number has been holding steady at 2.8%. The Great Resignation has taken a major toll on organizations whose compliance programs are based on people rather than processes. This presentation will showcase methods for environmental compliance programs that outlast turnover.

KEN YASS, PE, Geosyntec Consultants


City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Compliance Management Systems: A Demonstration

See how the City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department is leveraging Microsoft 365 to build regulatory compliance management tools that help track permit requirements and other obligations. Features include requirements database, workflows with email notifications, status tracking, and more.

TINA BAKER, City of Lincoln, NE Transportation and Utilities
 JOE TELL, Principal, Kestrel Tellevate LLC (KTL)

10:35 am

10:40 am

How ESG is Becoming the New Driver of Environmental Compliance 

In the near-past, a facility would be considered well managed if its operations had zero permit violations. However, in recent years, there has been an increasing pressure to do more under Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. These criteria are not uniform and typically not defined by any government. They are in response to the desires of stakeholders, such as share owners, or voters. ESG targets can feel like a burdensome, unfamiliar, unnecessary add-on to facility EHS staff.

This presentation will include examples of typical day-to-day compliance tasks, and how they might be adapted to ESG concepts.


TYLER MARSHALL, PE, Stanley Consultants
 MELISSA TIEDEMANN, AICP, Stanley Consultants

11:20 am





CSAPR: How Did We Get Here? Where Are We Going?

For almost 20 years, US EPA has tried to regulate the effect of air pollution from one state causing issues in a different, downwind state. From the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) to the current third version of the Cross-state Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) US EPA has evolved its effort and responded to numerous legal challenges. The current Good Neighbor provisions of CSAPR 3.0 pull in non-electric generation sources for the first time broadening greatly US EPA influence on interstate emissions. This presentation will explain the problem, summarize US EPA’s efforts to date, and explore the impact of CSAPR 3.0 on the nation’s utility and industrial emissions.

ROBYNN ANDRACSEK, PE, Burns & McDonnell

11:25 am	<p>The Energy Revolution is Already Underway </p> <p>Effective and practical energy transition needs to consider social, economic and energy security while mitigating climate risks. We will discuss energy transition and regulatory drivers including regulatory and compliance actions required to implement future energy projects. MICHAEL ALOWITZ, GHD</p>	<p>How to Negotiate and Air Permit</p> <p>How can you enhance your influence on the final conditions of your air permit? This session will provide tips and tricks for identifying opportunities for negotiation with your permitting authority and how to increase your chances of securing more favorable permit requirements. BRYAN HIGGINS, Trinity Consultants ROGER WALKER, RAWalker & Associates LLC</p>
12:00 pm		

Lunch (early and late lunch options)

12:05 pm	<p>HAPS 101: Emissions Calculations, Modeling, Permitting, and Regulatory Trends </p> <p>JOSEPH STOLLE, PE, GeoEngineers</p>	Lunch Buffet
12:45 pm		
1:00 pm	<p>PFAS Litigation: Its Future and Trends </p> <p>A high-level summary of PFAS: The Devil We Know, analyzing current pending litigation, trends, and a litigator's perspective on planning for the future. SUZANNE GALVIN, Thompson Coburn LLP</p>	Lunch Buffet
1:40 pm		
1:45 pm	<p>Regulation by Litigation </p> <p>State attorneys general and private plaintiffs are increasingly turning to public nuisance law to seek relief and significant damage awards, often seeking relief beyond that provided by existing environmental statutes or otherwise sought by their own state environmental agencies. We will examine recent litigation tactics and claims with both regulated and emerging contaminants, and best practices for preparing and responding to public nuisance claims. TOM GREVER, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP</p>	<p>Toxics Release Inventory—Why Accuracy is More Important than Ever</p> <p>The importance of accurate TRI reporting cannot be overstated – especially now that there is increased scrutiny on reporting particularly as TRI ties into Environmental Justice tools, such as and US EPA's RSEI toolmodel, which directly uses pounds of releases reported to TRI to develop a facility's RSEI Score. Haley's presentation will provide more information on how TRI data are used in the RSEI model, tell you how to correct reports under the US EPA audit policy, and give advice on how to manage the accuracy of your reports. HALEY AHLERS, Ramboll</p>
2:25 pm		
2:45 pm	<p>Disaster Planning: Pro-Action + Re-Action = Resiliency </p> <p>Natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornados, fires, and earthquakes are inevitable - but their adverse impacts upon human health, property, and business operations can be significantly mitigated by developing and implementing an appropriate Resiliency Program. ANDY ROWLAND, CIH, Terracon Consultants, Inc.</p>	<p>Environmental Auditing/Self-Disclosures 101</p> <p>ESG initiatives and new federal and state policies on environmental justice are driving internal corporate reviews of environmental performance and potential exposure. Environmental self-audits can be an effective tool to detect and correct potential non-compliance. This session will discuss how US EPA and state self-disclosure policies and programs shape strategies for performing environmental audits, and how US EPA's Audit Policy and various state environmental audit privilege and immunity laws can provide incentives for self-disclosure of non-compliance. JENNIFER HACKMAN, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP</p>
3:15 pm		

3:15 pm Break

3:40 pm

Meeting the Critical Demand for Critical Minerals

Recognizing the country's over-reliance on foreign sources of critical minerals and their importance to a clean energy economy, numerous programs have been rolled-out over the past few years, to support domestic production of critical minerals. We will outline efforts to support critical minerals production and discuss projects in the pipeline, potential impediments, and potentially promising opportunities to source critical minerals in the Midwest.

JON GROSSHANS, US EPA Office of Policy
AMBER STEELE, Missouri Geological Survey Program
CHRIS NEAVILLE, The Doe Run Company
JASON FLOWER, Spencer Fane (Moderator)

EHS Information Management System Using Microsoft 365 and SharePoint

This presentation will demonstrate how Microsoft 365® and SharePoint® are used to create organizational efficiency and meet regulatory compliance obligations. SEMO will share its SharePoint site and show how it is used to effectively manage EHS programs, including chemical and refrigerant management, and air quality. They'll review features of SharePoint, provide tips to keep tools simple yet effective, and highlight how it can be expanded to ensure ongoing compliance.

AUTUMN GENTRY, Southeast Missouri State University
JOSEPH KUNES, Consultant, Kestrel Tellevate LLC (KTL)

4:15 pm

4:20 pm

Emerging Contaminants: PFAS/PFOA, 1,4 dioxane, and Beyond

Emerging contaminants and most prominently these days, PFOA/PFAS, have become a microcosm for everything challenging about standard-setting, clean-up levels, state/federal consistency, risk assessment/management, litigation-driven standards, regulatory uncertainty, and legislative stalemates. This session will also provide practical advice to deal with emerging contaminants in drinking water, air emissions, consumer products, groundwater, workplace protection, due diligence for properties, cleanups, permit compliance, and toxic torts.

ALEXANDRA DAPOLITO DUNN, Baker & Botts LLP
JESSICA MERRIGAN, Spencer Fane LLP

5:10 pm

NICK NELSON, Barr Engineering
ED TORMEY, Division Administrator, IDNR (Moderator)

5:15 pm Reception in Exhibit Hall, sponsored by MECC Silver Sponsors

End of Day 1

Conference Day 2

Wednesday, September 14

7:15 am Breakfast

7:50 am Introduce Day 2

8:00 am

Everything You Need to Know About Pendulum Swings

A keynote duo of former colleagues who worked together on a number of key environmental policy issues will discuss the most pronounced Pendulum Swings in US EPA history and what it means for the state and Federal agencies and the regulated community.

DAVID COZAD, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Director US EPA Region 7
MATTHEW LEOPOLD, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP (former General Counsel, US EPA)

8:45 am

8:50 am

Water Policy Update Panel

This session will address State and Federal funding opportunities, the Navigable Waters Rule, revisions to NEPA, 401 certification changes, the DOJ's CWA enforcement policy, policy updates, nutrients, infrastructure needs, the new lead and copper rule, emerging PFAS standards, groundwater in a post-*Mau*i legal world, and other key issues that impact your compliance and enforcement.

JAIME GAGGERO, Deputy Director, Water Division, US EPA Region 7
CHRIS WIEBERG, Director, WPP, Missouri DNR
TOM STILES, Director, Bureau of Water, KDHE
AIMEE DAVENPORT, Stinson
ROB MORRISON, Barr Engineering (Moderator)

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<p>9:55 am</p>	<p>Compliance and Enforcement Roundtable </p> <p>This panel of experienced environmental attorneys will discuss how to stay in compliance while managing regulatory uncertainty (deregulation, litigation of everything, political change, etc.), voluntary disclosure, growing citizen enforcement initiatives, new DOJ guidelines, loss of the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs), and other compliance and litigation issues on the horizon.</p> <p>BRITTANY BARRIENTOS, Partner, Stinson LESLIE HUMPHREY, Regional Counsel, US EPA Region 7 (invited) SAM BROWN, Partner, Hunton ANDREW BROUGHT, Partner, Spencer Fane (Speaker and Moderator)</p>	<p>Moving from Zero-Waste to a Circular Economy</p> <p>David's presentation will focus on the challenge of obtaining zero waste and discuss how companies can move up the value chain toward a circular economy by focusing on "how can we create value streams instead of waste streams?"</p> <p>DAVID PEAL, Ramboll</p>
<p>10:40 am</p>	<p>Sustainability Plans and Goals—Companies' Perspectives from Sustainability Managers </p> <p>A moderated a session industrial sustainability managers engaged in an open discussion of their rolls as sustainability managers. This session will discuss the importance of the proposed SEC requirement for transparency in reporting of ESG metrics and goals, the effects on their company and the items that "keep them up at night."</p> <p>TBD panel members MARY HAUNER-DAVIS, Burns & McDonnell (Moderator)</p>	<p>Quick Reference Guide for RCRA Contingency Plans—Tips and Tricks</p> <p>US EPA recently issued a memorandum detailing frequently asked questions regarding the Quick Reference Guide requirements for RCRA Contingency Plans, a key provision for the General Improvements Rule. This session will focus on the key takeaways from the April 2022 memo and provide tips and tricks on preparing your RCRA Contingency Plan.</p> <p>TAYLOR WILSON, PE, Trinity Consultants</p>
<p>11:25 am</p>	<p>Environmental Justice Panel Discussion </p> <p>EJ is one of the centerpiece goals of President Biden. But two years in, we are still struggling to identify EJ communities, the role of "cumulative impacts," how to fund EJ activities at the required 40%, and the nexus between Civil Rights and EJ. In the meantime, several states are forging ahead with legislation and their own EJ screening tools. This session will address the complexity of EJ, the impact on regulated facilities and next steps at US EPA and states.</p> <p>ALEXANDRA DAPOLITO DUNN, Baker Botts LLP JACOB WESTEN, General Counsel, MDNR RYAN RUSSELL KEMPER, Thompson Coburn LLP US EPA (invited)</p>	<p>Understanding the Macro Problem that is Microplastics</p> <p>Microplastics in the environment come from a variety of sources and may be the next big contaminant of emerging concern. Research is being conducted on microplastic sources, fate, and transport in the environment in order to better understand the effects on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and human health. This presentation will explore the current state of knowledge of microplastics research, the data gaps that still need to be addressed, and the challenges in developing a regulatory framework.</p> <p>TINA LIU, Geosyntec Consultants</p>
<p>11:30 am</p>		
<p>12:15 pm</p>		

End of Conference

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