

33rd Annual Environmental Training Symposium and Conference

October 30-31, 2017 – San Diego Convention Center

Session Descriptions



Air

The air sessions will include regulatory updates from San Diego APCD and South Coast AQMD, and panel discussions pertaining to California diesel and vehicle regulatory outlook, CARB Greenhouse Gas scoping plan and a panel discussion focusing on sustainable compliance and thriving business in an EJ community. Also, back by popular demand, we are offering extended training on Tuesday, 10/31, that will be focused on regulatory planning, permitting, and ongoing compliance presented by APCD staff and member consultants.

HazMat

Be ready for your regulatory inspectors: hear them speak about interpretations regarding waste containers and tanks, generator status, tiered permitting, and key exemptions.

Learn about clarifications and examples of actions to take for local or regional emergencies, from fires or spills in the fume hood to wildfires or spills on the freeway!

Sustainability

Waste Minimization and Recycling: Companies and regulators will discuss waste reduction, reuse, and recycling initiatives, regulations, and incentives. Learn about best practices and future expectations in this area of critical importance to manufacturers.

Transport, Energy Efficiency, and Alternatives: Learn about marquis programs and projects in San Diego and elsewhere in Southern California that demonstrate the latest in “green building” technologies and approaches. Hear from local government officials about regulations and incentives driving energy efficiency gains and greenhouse gas reductions.

Sustainable Products and Ingredients: Explore the interplay between regulation and voluntary initiatives surrounding identification and reduction of harmful chemicals and promotion of safer alternatives for use in products and throughout supply chains. Understand how changing markets and access to information are driving industry towards transparency, disclosure and improvement on selection of product ingredients and components.

Water

IGP Level 1 & 2: This session will focus on Industrial dischargers with Level 1&2 ERA status, BMPs implemented, treatment control BMPs, potential challenges with permitting and design, Level 2 ERA process/timeline, and examples of successful source control measures along with measures that did not work. Informational material related to “lessons learned” will also be presented.

TMDLs : This workshop will be conducted to inform industrial dischargers in the LA and San Diego regions of the status of the TMDLs incorporated into the IGP in 2017. Regulators from the SWRCB, RWQCB Region 9 and Region 4 will present on the current status and the IGP amendments to implement TMDLs along with compliance pathways.



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Water Quality Law: This session will be led by Alexis Strauss of EPA Region 9 and will focus on presenting an educational and interactive overview of Water Law in the US, a brief history of laws and regulations, and a brief look into the future in the context of the Trump administration. The attorney speakers will represent NGO's and industry.

Regulatory Water: This workshop, and focus on changes to the EPA under the current administration, and an outlook moving forward. The recent ACOE definition of Waters of the US and the new Federal Administration's potential roll-back of the ruling could drastically change industrial discharge requirements. Topics organized around the ruling, potential impacts to industry, and receiving water objectives will be presented.

Water Supply: Groundwater, surface water, and recycled water sources are at a premium in Southern California. New resources, treatment processes, and industry demands are changing the water-use landscape. This session will present information related to water supply in California.

Misc.

Environmental Planning: This session will feature a speaker from the Navy, a representative from industry, and will involve training on NEPA/CEQA, proposed changes to CEQA, and on-the-ground lessons learned.

Plenary

Federal and State Regulatory Approach: Congressman Scott Peters will join the panel to discuss how environmental policy will be shaped and enforced under the new administration, here in CA and on a federal level.

Regulator's Perspective: A panel of regulators will give their perspective and predictions on the future of environmental policy in California, with panelists including: Alexis Strauss, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 9; Steven Moore, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board, and a representative from the California Air Resources Board.