



THE ASSOCIATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCIES

2026 Fall Business Meeting

September 9, 10, 11 | Raleigh Marriott City Center | 500 Fayetteville Street | Raleigh, North Carolina

Meeting Agenda

[as of 09/04/26]

Meeting Wi-Fi Network: MarriottBonvoy_Conference

Meeting Wi-Fi Promo Code: meeting

All times local/Eastern.

Wednesday, September 9

All sessions held in State ABC (unless otherwise noted)

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Registration** (*Prefunction*)

1:00 – 3:00 PM **AAPCA Fall 2026 Air Directors/Board Business Session**
[Board members or their designees]

3:15 – 5:15 PM **Topical Session: Preparing for Exceptional and Extreme Weather – Moderated by Brad Poiriez, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District**
[open to all attendees]

- Grid Reliability in Extreme Weather – Joel Porter, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, State Energy Office
- Characterizing the Impacts of Extreme Weather and Oil and Gas Infrastructure Emission Events – Rob Pinder, PSE Healthy Energy
- U.S. EPA Exceptional Events Tool Demonstrations – Loren Fox and Heather Simon, Air Quality Planning Division, Office of State Air Partnerships, U.S. EPA Office of Air & Radiation

5:30 – 7:00 PM **Opening Reception** (*Prefunction*)
[cash bar & hors d'oeuvres; open to all attendees]

Thursday, September 10

*All sessions held in ROOM (unless otherwise noted), and **open-session, open to all attendees***

8:00 AM **Registration** (*Prefunction*)

8:00 – 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast** (*State DEF*)

9:00 – 9:30 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks – Introduction by Taylor Hartsfield, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**



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- D. Reid Wilson, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

9:30 – 10:00 AM

U.S. EPA Office of Air & Radiation Updates – *Introduction by Cory Chism, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and AAPCA 2027 President*

- Aaron Szabo, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Air and Radiation

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Networking Break

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Cooperative Federalism Panel: Clean Air Act NAAQS/SIP Updates – *Moderated by Ryan Bares, Utah Division of Air Quality*

- Patrick Lessard, Air Quality Planning Division, Office of State Air Partnerships, U.S. EPA Office of Air & Radiation
- Preston McLane, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Jimmy Johnston, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Cooperative Federalism Panel: Clean Air Act Permitting Updates – *Moderated by Lars Lone, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality*

- Paul Almodovar, Permitting & Program Support Division, Office of State Air Partnerships, U.S. EPA Office of Air & Radiation
- Rahul Thaker, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
- Jason Howanitz, Jefferson County Department of Health

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch (*State DEF*)

1:30 – 2:30 PM

U.S. EPA Air Quality Monitoring, Modeling, and Other Technical Updates – *Moderated by Demetria Kimbrough, Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment*

- Karen Wesson, Air Quality Assessment Division, Office of State Air Partnerships, U.S. EPA Office of Air & Radiation

2:30 – 3:30 PM

State Air Toxics Program Overview – *Moderated by Connie Turner, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services*

- Mike Pring and Will Barr, Eastern Research Group

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Networking Break

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Air Quality Science and Research Updates – *Moderated by Danielle Jones, Mecklenburg County Air Quality*

Dinner on your own.



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8:00 – 9:00 AM

Committee Breakout Breakfast (State DEF)

Tables are labeled with each of AAPCA's 12 committees – AAPCA members and governmental attendees are encouraged to sit with a committee of interest.

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Succession Planning for Air Agencies – Moderated by Bob Hodanbosi, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

- Jim Semerad, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
- Heinz Kaiser, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services
- Jimmy Johnston, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Networking Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

EPA AirHub (formerly the Unified Platform) Updates – Moderated by Brandy Brooks, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- Ketan Patel, Information Management Division, Office of State Air Partnerships, U.S. EPA Office of Air & Radiation
- Tammy Manning, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
- Farhana Yasmin, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

12:00 PM

Lunch (State DEF)

[grab-and-go sandwiches available]