

33rd Annual AWMA Midwest Section Environmental Technical Conference April 22, 2026	
7:30 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM	Welcome A&WMA Midwest Section Chair
8:05 AM	Morning Plenary Keynote (Room C) EPA Enforcement Update - David Cozad, US EPA Region 7 (Invited)
8:30 AM	Break / Visit Exhibitors
Technical Session 1	
8:40 AM	Data Centers (Room D)
	1B (Room B)
	<p>The Hidden Pipeline: Water's Role in Data Center Success Mackenzie Cremeans, Geosyntec Consultants</p> <p>Common Pitfalls for Data Centers Brittany Barrientos & Betsy Moedritzer, Stinson</p> <p>From Superfund to Server Hall: Considerations for Superfund and Brownfield Site Redevelopment for Data Centers Maria Vishnevskiy, Geosyntec Consultants & Jessica Merrigan, SpencerFane</p>
	<p>Status of Key Air Quality Regulations: Recent Final Actions and Emerging Proposals Minda Nelson & Emily Robbins, Burns & McDonnell</p>
9:55 AM	Break / Visit Exhibitors
Technical Session 2	
10:15 AM	Hot Topics (Room D)
	2B (Room B)
	<p>Burning Questions: Assessing PFAS Destruction from Thermal Technologies Taryn McKnight, Eurofins</p> <p>Microplastics: The Next Frontier in Environmental Law and Regulation Brittany Cavender, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner</p> <p>Turning Waste Sites Into Virtual Power Plants – How Battery Solutions Can Change the Game Bill Curtis, SpencerFane</p>
	<p>Common SPCC Plan Deficiencies Amy Reed & Rick Comer, Burns & McDonnell</p> <p>Overview and Compliance Strategies for the New HFC Management Rule Joshua Garlock, Trinity Consultants</p> <p>Inspection Best Practices Brittany Barrientos & Betsy Moedritzer, Stinson</p>
11:30 AM	Lunch (Room C) - Sponsored By Stinson
Agency Directors Panel (Room C)	
1:00 PM	<p>Jim Macy, USEPA Region 7 (Invited)</p> <p>Kyra Moore, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Invited)</p> <p>Kate Gleeson, Kansas Department of Health & Environment</p> <p>Mike Sullivan, Iowa Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>Steve Goans, Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Invited)</p>
2:30 PM	Break / Visit Exhibitors
Tech Session 3	
2:50 PM	3D (Room D)
	3B (Room B)
	<p>Strategic Groundwater Remediation for PFAS: Integrating Forensics, Meta-Analysis, and Full Life-Cycle Assessment Mahsa Modiri, EA Engineering, Science, and Technology</p> <p>Brownfield Redevelopment Case Study: The Highlands at Forest Park, MO Shirley Kalapala, Webster University</p>
	<p>TRI Reporting Jacob Harrington, Trinity Consultants</p> <p>Tier II Reporting Andrea Bryant & Cheyenne Nielson, SCS Engineers</p>
4:05 PM	Afternoon Keynote (Room C) Climate Action KC
4:30 PM	Happy Hour/Networking Event (Prefunction Area)