

## 33rd Annual A&WMA Midwest Section Environmental Technical Conference

**April 22, 2026**

7:30 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Welcome - Jessica Yeager, A&WMA Midwest Section Chair	
8:05 AM	<b><u>Morning Plenary Keynote (Room C)</u></b> EPA Enforcement Update - Chris Muehlberger, US EPA Region 7	
8:30 AM	Break / Visit Exhibitors	
<b>Technical Session 1</b>		
8:40 AM	<b>Data Centers (Room D)</b>	<b>Brownfields (Room B)</b>
	<b>The Hidden Pipeline: Water's Role in Data Center Success</b> Mackenzie Cremeans, Geosyntec Consultants  <b>Common Pitfalls for Data Centers</b> Brittany Barrientos & Betsy Moedritzer, Stinson  <b>Air Permitting for Data Centers</b> Carly Wittman, Ramboll	<b>Turning Waste Sites Into Virtual Power Plants – How Battery Solutions Can Change the Game</b> Bill Curtis, SpencerFane  <b>US Strategic Metals/Madison Story, Superfund to Production, First Ever Cobalt Processing Facility in US, Permitting Challenges</b> Eric Emmett, Environmental Operations <i>(double session)</i>
	Break / Visit Exhibitors	
<b>Technical Session 2</b>		
10:15 AM	<b>Hot Topics (Room D)</b>	<b>Regulations (Room B)</b>
	<b>Burning Questions: Assessing PFAS Destruction from Thermal Technologies</b> Taryn McKnight, Eurofins  <b>Microplastics: The Next Frontier in Environmental Law and Regulation</b> Brittainy Cavender, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner  <b>From Superfund to Server Hall: Considerations for Superfund and Brownfield Site Redevelopment for Data Centers</b> Maria Vishnevskiy, Geosyntec Consultants & Jessica Merrigan, SpencerFane	<b>Overview and Compliance Strategies for the New HFC Management Rule</b> Joshua Garlock, Trinity Consultants  <b>Inspection Best Practices</b> Brittany Barrientos & Betsy Moedritzer, Stinson  <b>Status of Key Air Quality Regulations: Recent Final Actions and Emerging Proposals</b> Minda Nelson & Emily Robbins, Burns & McDonnell
	Break / Visit Exhibitors	
11:30 AM	<b><u>Lunch (Room C) - Sponsored By Stinson</u></b> A&WMA - More than the Midwest Section! - Stephanie Taylor, SCS Engineers	
1:00 PM	<b><u>Agency Directors Panel (Room C)</u></b> Jim Macy, USEPA Region 7 Art Goodin, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Kate Gleeson, Kansas Department of Health & Environment Mike Sullivan, Iowa Department of Natural Resources Steve Goans, Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment	
2:30 PM	Break / Visit Exhibitors	
<b>Tech Session 3</b>		
2:50 PM	<b>Remediation (Room D)</b>	<b>Compliance (Room B)</b>
	<b>Strategic Groundwater Remediation for PFAS: Integrating Forensics, Meta-Analysis, and Full Life-Cycle Assessment</b> Mahsa Modiri, EA Engineering, Science, and Technology  <b>Brownfield Redevelopment Case Study: The Highlands at Forest Park, MO</b> Shirley Kalapala, Webster University  <b>Demonstrating the Efficacy of Circulating Well Technology at a Diesel Bulk Plant in Eastern Saudi Arabia</b> Mohamed Odah, Accelerated Remediation Technologies	<b>Why, What, How: EPCRA 312 Tier II Reporting</b> Andrea Bryant & Cheyenne Nielson, SCS Engineers  <b>TRI Reporting</b> Jacob Harrington, Trinity Consultants  <b>Common SPCC Plan Deficiencies</b> Amy Reed & Rick Comer, Burns & McDonnell
	Break / Visit Exhibitors	
4:05 PM	<b><u>Afternoon Keynote (Room C)</u></b> Climate Action KC - Emily Randel, Managing Director	
4:30 PM	<b>Happy Hour/Networking Event (Prefunction Area)</b> <b><u>Sponsored by Pace</u></b>	