

# 2017 National NPDES Program Managers Meeting



**October 31, 2017 – November 2, 2017**  
**Silver Spring, Maryland**

## **Purpose:**

This meeting is intended to help support states and EPA to further identify challenges & barriers to NPDES program implementation, highlight opportunities for permitting authority program improvement & enhancement, showcase innovations, assist with analysis of training, guidance, tools, and other support material needs, improve administrative efficiencies, clarify roles and responsibilities, promote program streamlining, build stronger linkages to WQS & TMDLs, modernize permit terms and data management, revise program performance measures, identify program areas where targeted technical assistance would be most beneficial, and attempt to solve some of the most intractable NPDES Program issues. The target audience for this meeting is state and federal NPDES program staff.

## **Attendees:**

The NPDES Program Managers meeting is a national event specifically organized by state and federal regulators for EPA and state program staff representatives. Attendees include:

- State program staff involved in managing the NPDES programs
- EPA Headquarter and Regional staff involved in NPDES program management
- Partnering state and federal agency staff that provide technical and/or regulatory assistance to the NPDES programs
- Invited guests

## **Special thanks to:**

United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the 2017 National NPDES Program Managers Meeting Planning Committee – Janita Aguirre (EPA HQ), Allen Brockebrough (VA), Melanie Davenport (VA), Joseph Haberek (RI), Sarah Holcomb (NM), Sara Hoyt (EPA HQ), Kathryn Huddle (LA), Scott Ireland (EPA R5), Amelia Letnes (EPA HQ), John Rebar (DE), Erin Sherer (OH), Ben Smith (NEIWPC), and Ashley Ward (OH).



# Tuesday, October 31, 2017

This meeting is generally “closed” and for co-regulators only, except for specific sessions with invited speakers.

7:30 AM	Breakfast on Your Own
8:30 AM	Registration & Sign-In
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:30 - 10:15 AM	NPDES 101: Introduction to the Basics
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 - 12:00 PM	National EPA Rule Updates Small MS4 Remand Rule Implementation NPDES eReporting Rule Implementation Waters of the U.S.
12:00 - 1:15 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:15 - 2:15 PM	National EPA Rule Updates (cont.) Proposed NPDES Updates Rule
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Electronic Tools: NPDES Application Forms, Permit Development, Tracking & Reporting
3:15 PM	Break
3:30 - 5:00 PM	<b>Regional Breakout Discussions</b> Tables will be set up by Region to allow participants from the same geographic area to discuss issues and challenges they face on a daily basis. Each table will report out the next day with a summary of the issues discussed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify a speaker from your table to report out on the discussions.</li><li>2. Each participant at the table should identify and/or confirm their top <u>1</u> or <u>2</u> NPDES program challenge.</li><li>3. The group should discuss ways EPA HQ &amp; Regions might be helpful in addressing some of these issues</li></ol>
5:00 PM	Meeting Adjourn



## Wednesday, November 1, 2017

- 7:30 AM**                      **Breakfast on Your Own**
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM**                **Regional Breakout Session – Report Out & Discussion**  
Representatives from each of the Regional Breakout Tables will share with the audience some of the challenges identified and discussed.
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**            **NPDES Program Funding: Sharing the Costs**
- 10:30 AM**                      **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00 PM**              **State Capacity Building: How can EPA be Most Helpful?**
- 12:00 - 1:15 PM**              **Lunch on Your Own**
- 1:15 - 2:15 PM**                **Water Quality Considerations: Building Stronger Linkages to WQS and TMDLs**
- 2:15 - 3:15 PM**                **Fact Sheets: Current Requirements & Proposed Options**
- 3:15 PM**                        **Break**
- 3:30 - 5:00 PM**                **NPDES Program - Hot Topics Roundtable**
- Facilitator:**    **Agency Name**  
                         **Speaker/Panelist Title**  
                         **Speaker/Panelist Name**
- 1. How can we streamline the permitting process without compromising on quality?*
  - 2. What are some of the more difficult challenges we are seeing with nutrients permitting?*
  - 3. How are states incorporating asset management into their permits?*
  - 4. If you were given absolute authority to change any aspect of the NPDES program, what would you change?*
- 5:00 PM**                      **Meeting Adjourn**

## Thursday, November 2, 2017



<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast on Your Own</b>
<b>8:30 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Variances: What are they and how do they work?</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15 - 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Program Oversight Updates: Permit Quality Review and the State Review Framework</b>
<b>11:15 - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Litigation Updates: Groundwater &amp; MS4 Cases New England</b>
<b>12:00 - 12:15 PM</b>	<b>Program Wrap Up</b>

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