



The Environmental Council of the States

2017 Spring Meeting

*New Administration, New Congress:
States' Path Ahead*

Preliminary Agenda

(as of February 3)

Thursday, April 6–Friday, April 7

The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC



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Speakers designated by an asterisk (*) are confirmed.

Thursday, April 6

7:30 a.m.	Registration Open	<i>District Foyer</i>
7:30 – 8:55 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Palm Court</i>
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Session of the Shale Gas Caucus: Beneficial Reuse of Produced Water Beyond the Oil Patch	<i>Rhode Island</i>
	<p>Open to all Spring Meeting attendees. A separate continental breakfast will be available. The ECOS Shale Gas Caucus is engaged in a discussion series entitled “What Commissioners Need to Know about Alternative Management Strategies for Water Produced from Oil and Gas Wells.” This next conversation will explore beneficial reuse of produced water beyond the oil patch – such as in agriculture and road de-icing – and potential technical and legal challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Martha Rudolph, SGC Co-Chair and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (moderator)*❖ David Glatt, SGC Co-Chair and Chief, Environmental Health Section, North Dakota Department of Health (moderator)*❖ Michael Teague, Secretary of Energy and Environment, State of Oklahoma*❖ Scott Anderson, Senior Policy Director, U.S. Climate and Energy Program, Environmental Defense Fund*❖ Roy Hartstein, Vice President, Strategic Solutions, Southwestern Energy Company	
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions	<i>District</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Call to Order, Announcements, and Agenda Preview John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*❖ Self-introduction of ECOS Members	
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Former U.S. EPA Leaders’ Outlook for The Agency	<i>District</i>
	<p>Moderated by ECOS leaders, this dialogue will bring together past EPA Administrators from diverse political perspectives to reflect on the challenges, opportunities, and changes they see ahead for the agency in the Trump Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (moderator)*❖ Robert Perciasepe, Former Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions*	

- ❖ Marianne Horinko, Former Acting Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and President, the Horinko Group*

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Networking Break

District Foyer

**11:00 a.m. –
12:15 p.m.**

Environmental Infrastructure: Fast Lanes & Pipe Dreams

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The new Administration could put in motion as much as a trillion dollars in domestic infrastructure investment over the next 10 years. The expected capital infusion will impact state environmental programs in terms of permitting and evaluation and will move forward ready-to-go projects across the nation. This discussion will bring together ECOS and other experts to consider various approaches to environmental infrastructure permitting and siting, local impacts, public-private partnerships, as well as the effect of infrastructure investment on state environmental agencies, U.S. jobs, and the national economy.

- ❖ Becky Keogh, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer and Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (moderator)*
- ❖ Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, Chair, National Governors Association
- ❖ U.S. Conference of Mayors
- ❖ Edison Electric Institute*
- ❖ Water Sector

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon: Environment, Energy, & the 115th Congress

Palm Court

*U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, introduced by ECOS Vice President Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.**

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Exploring Our Energy Future

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ECOS has urged the new Administration to continue a robust national dialogue around energy, as ECOS members are playing a leading role in these conversations in their home states and regions. During the Obama Administration, energy conversation was dominated in large part by the Clean Power Plan, the role of carbon, the Paris negotiations, renewables, and demand-side reduction. How is the energy conversation changing in the new Administration? What considerations remain front and center, and which new topics are coming to the forefront? This discussion will spotlight the perspectives of ECOS members and other experts on where the energy and environment conversation is headed in 2017.

- ❖ Martha Rudolph, ECOS Past President and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (moderator)*
- ❖ Bryan Shaw, Ph.D., ECOS Air Committee Chair and Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- ❖ Ben Grumbles, ECOS Air Committee Vice Chair and Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment
- ❖ The Nature Conservancy*
- ❖ Bloomberg BNA
- ❖ Corporate Speaker

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. **Networking Break** *District Foyer*

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Electrifying America, Cutting NOx: States and the VW Settlement** *District*

A national environmental settlement with Volkswagen offers states an opportunity to put new resources to use in communities and to partner with other states. This session will feature ECOS members and other experts discussing a variety of approaches to managing and expending these funds, public engagement, and innovation.

- ❖ Matthew Rodriguez, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency (moderator and speaker)
- ❖ Robert Jackson, President, National Association of State Energy Officials, and Director, Michigan Energy Office
- ❖ Diesel Technology Forum*
- ❖ Volkswagen

5:00 – 6:45 p.m. **Mayflower Hotel Reception** *Palm Court*

Friday, April 7

7:15 a.m. **Registration Desk Open** *District Foyer*

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** *Palm Court*

7:15 – 8:40 a.m. **Environmental Research Institute of the States Board Meeting** *New Hampshire*

Open to states and invited guests. Moderated by David Paylor of Virginia, ERIS President. A separate continental breakfast will be available.

7:30 – 8:40 a.m.	Session of the ECOS Data Management Workgroup	<i>Rhode Island</i>
	Open to states and invited guests. A separate continental breakfast will be available.	
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome from Catherine McCabe, Acting Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<i>Palm Court</i>
	Introduced by John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.*	
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Corporate Roundtable Enhancing Community Engagement & Communication	<i>District</i>
	Corporate members of the Business Network for Environmental Justice will discuss how their corporations are engaging with communities and will provide replicable case studies, in conversation with ECOS leaders.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chuck Carr Brown, ECOS Waste Committee Vice Chair and Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)* ❖ Sue Briggum, Vice President, Federal Public Affairs, Waste Management* ❖ Timothy Fields Jr., Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.* ❖ American Chemistry Council ❖ National Association of Manufacturers 	
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Networking Break	<i>District Foyer</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Sustainable Materials Management: The Launch of a Public-Private Partnership	<i>District</i>
	As interest in Sustainable Materials Management grows within both the public and private sectors, an historic Materials Leadership Council has been launched among members of ECOS and of the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development. The initial purpose of this partnership is to connect the capabilities and interests of state and business leaders to promote creative material reuse across industries and develop policy solutions that support these shared goals. This discussion will spotlight innovative ideas toward achieving circular economy objectives.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Scott Thompson, ECOS Waste Committee Chair and Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)* ❖ Robert Martineau, Former ECOS President and Commissioner, 	

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation*

- ❖ John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*
- ❖ Members of the Materials Leadership Council from the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon: Building a Change-Receptive Organization

Palm Court

Misael Cabrera, Vice Chair, ECOS Innovation & Productivity Committee, and Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, introduced by John Mitchell, Chair, ECOS Innovation & Productivity Committee and Director, Division of Environment, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.**

1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Serving up Carrots: Innovative State Efforts Yield Measurable Compliance Improvement

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This discussion will bring forward ECOS experts to discuss compliance assistance programs that work – meaning they advance compliance with air, waste, and water regulatory requirements and that those advancements can be measured. Dialogue will center on replicable approaches that can be taken home and put to work by ECOS members.

- ❖ James Macy, ECOS Compliance Committee Chair and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (moderator and speaker)*
- ❖ Craig Butler, ECOS Water Committee Chair and Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency*
- ❖ Maia Bellon, ECOS Cross-Media Committee Chair and Director, Washington Department of Ecology
- ❖ Lawrence Starfield, Acting Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- ❖ Jay Shimshack, Associate Professor of Public Policy & Economics, University of Virginia

3:00 – 3:10 p.m.

Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjournment

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John Linc Stine, ECOS President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.*

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3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

State-U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Roundtable

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Open to states and U.S. EPA.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming ECOS Meetings

2017 STEP Meeting on Environmental Infrastructure: Innovation & Partnerships

July 17, 2017
Washington, DC

2017 Fall Meeting

September 11-13, 2017
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

2018 Spring Meeting

March 20-22, 2018
St. Paul, Minnesota

2018 Fall Meeting

Dates TBD
Vermont

2019 Spring Meeting

Dates TBD
Washington, DC