



The Environmental Council of the States

2018 Spring Meeting

Getting to Results

Agenda

Tuesday, March 20–Thursday, March 22

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The Saint Paul Hotel
St. Paul, Minnesota



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Monday, March 19 (Pre-Meeting)

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Closed Session ECOS-U.S. EPA Compliance Assurance Workgroup Open to state and U.S. EPA workgroup members.	<i>Archbishop Ireland</i>
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Early Registration Open	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>

Tuesday, March 20 (ECOS Initiatives, Air, Waste, & Partnerships)

7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Landmark Center Atrium</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	<p>Side Session of the ECOS Shale Gas Caucus: Continuing the Momentum on Oil & Gas Compliance Open to all Spring Meeting attendees, this discussion will serve as a follow-up to the Oil & Natural Gas Roundtable hosted by U.S. EPA, ECOS, and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. Participants will advance the conversation on barriers and meaningful solutions identified by an array of stakeholders. A separate continental breakfast will be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Martha Rudolph, ECOS SGC Co-Chair and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (moderator) ❖ David Glatt, ECOS SGC Co-Chair and Chief, Environmental Health Section, North Dakota Department of Health (moderator) ❖ Patrick Traylor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ❖ Scott Anderson, Senior Policy Director, U.S. Climate & Energy Program, Environmental Defense Fund ❖ Roy Hartstein, Vice President, Strategic Solutions, Southwestern Energy Company 	<i>Summit</i>
9:00 – 9:40 a.m.	<p>Plenary Session Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Call to Order Todd Parfitt, ECOS President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Host State Welcome {10 min.} John Linc Stine, ECOS Past President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ❖ Self-introduction of ECOS Members {10 min.} ❖ Opening Remarks Sam Sankar, ECOS Executive Director {10 min.} ❖ Announcements, Todd Parfitt {10 min.} 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
9:40 – 10:40 a.m.	<p>Lightning Round on ECOS Signature Initiatives to Get to Results In a variety of ways, ECOS supports state efforts to facilitate environmental progress. This session highlights just a few current examples: ECOS Results, which is providing greater transparency on state environmental outcomes; state conversations via ECOS' Cooperative Federalism 2.0 initiative to advance effective U.S. EPA oversight of state programs; and a new E-Enterprise framework for evaluating the effectiveness of permitting systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jim Macy, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Jess Byrne, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Environmental 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>

	<p>Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pat Stevens, ECOS Planning Committee Chair and Assistant Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ❖ Bob Martineau, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation ❖ Bob Zimmerman, Chief Operating Officer, Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control 	
10:40 – 10:55 a.m.	Networking Break	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
10:55 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Speeding Land Cleanups and Stimulating Economic Revitalization: State, Local, & Federal Successes</p> <p>As part of their cooperative federalism efforts, ECOS and U.S. EPA are working together through the ECOS Superfund Workgroup to enhance and accelerate land cleanups. This session will spotlight successful models that employ Lean and other process improvement principles to yield results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chuck Carr Brown, ECOS Waste Committee Chair and Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Scott Thompson, ECOS Waste Committee Vice Chair and Region 6 Executive Committee Representative, and Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Laura Malone, Waste Programs Division Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Veronica Darwin, Senior Advisor for Land & Emergency Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ❖ Eric Larson, General Counsel, St. Paul Port Authority 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch & Keynote Address</p> <p><i>The Honorable Mark Dayton, Governor, State of Minnesota, introduced by John Linc Stine, ECOS Past President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.</i></p>	<i>Landmark Center Atrium</i>
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Sustainable Materials Management Strides</p> <p>Debris management is a critical priority for environmental agencies grappling with natural disaster recovery. Though waste cleanup is challenging and costly, disaster debris can be effectively managed with pre-planning and collaboration among stakeholders. This session will explore how states and U.S. EPA can prepare for and respond to disaster events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Ross Elliot, Associate Director, Materials Recovery and Waste Management Division, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>State Cross-Agency Partnerships to Realize Results</p> <p>This session will delve into how state environmental agencies can partner with peers at health, commerce, and other agencies to accomplish common goals. Minnesota state agencies will share a success story of working together to protect children from toxic jewelry and toys, and other states will then offer their own replicable examples of intrastate cooperation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ John Linc Stine, ECOS Past President and Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (moderator) ❖ Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner, Legislative Affairs, Land and Solid Waste Policy, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ❖ Jessica Looman, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>

	❖ Tom Hogan, Director, Environmental Health Division, Minnesota Department of Health	
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Networking Break	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Achieving a Secure and Sustainable Energy Future As the nation engages in continued conversation surrounding energy policies and practices, state environmental agencies must meaningfully consider the ways in which energy interfaces with their core work. This dynamic discussion will provide perspectives on the environment-energy nexus that will shape our energy future. ❖ Todd Parfitt, ECOS President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Ben Grumbles, ECOS Air Committee Chair and Region 3 Executive Committee Representative, and Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment ❖ Dan Lipschultz, Vice Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ❖ Doug Scott, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Great Plains Institute ❖ Jody Londo, Regulatory Policy Manager, Xcel Energy	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	ECOS Evening Event Networking Reception	<i>Landmark Center Atrium</i>

Wednesday, March 21 (Water, Cross-Media, & More on Partnerships)

7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Landmark Center Atrium</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Session Environmental Research Institute of the States Board Open to states and invited guests. A separate continental breakfast will be available.	<i>Archbishop Ireland</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Session ECOS Data Management Workgroup Open to states and invited guests. A separate continental breakfast will be available. Led by Andy Putnam, Environmental Information Manager with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, this discussion will cover E-Enterprise for the Environment activities, rollout of the Partner Profile Inventory, evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of permitting metrics, and new data visualization opportunities for state measures and metrics.	<i>Summit</i>
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Closed Dialogue with U.S. EPA Regional Administrators Open to states and U.S. EPA. Several Regional Administrators (RAs) will participate in the dialogue, led by three ECOS members and two RAs. ❖ Todd Parfitt, ECOS President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Myra Reece, ECOS Region 4 Executive Committee Representative and Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control ❖ Carol Comer, ECOS Compliance Committee Chair and Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources ❖ Trey Glenn, Region 4 Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ❖ Jim Gulliford, Region 7 Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>

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10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Networking Break with ERIS Research Expo	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Making Success the Headline This session will explore how state environmental agencies can best communicate to the press and the public the benefits of their work. Seasoned ECOS members, an environmental journalist, and a corporate media relations practitioner will share tips and experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (moderator) ❖ Bill Ehm, ECOS Planning Committee Vice Chair and Region 7 Executive Committee Representative, and Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources ❖ Martha Rudolph, ECOS Shale Gas Caucus Co-Chair and Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment ❖ Amena H. Saiyid, Water Reporter, Bloomberg Environment ❖ Jeff Ostermayer, Senior Director for Media Relations, Edison Electric Institute 	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
12:15 – 1:45 p.m.	<p>Lunch & Keynote Presentation on Building for Future Success: Staffing Across Generations <i>Karen McCullough, Author, Generations Rock: Gaining the Generational Advantage, introduced by Todd Parfitt, ECOS President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.</i></p>	<i>Landmark Center Atrium</i>
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Point-Counterpoint Clean Water Act 404: To Assume or Not to Assume CWA Section 404 establishes a permitting program to regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. To date, two states have assumed the program, but a number of others are pursuing delegation. ECOS members will explore the case for and against assumption, weighing associated opportunities and challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Larry Hartig, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (moderator) ❖ Craig Butler, ECOS Water Committee Chair and Region 5 Executive Committee Representative, and Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ❖ Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Networking Break with ERIS Research Expo	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	<p>Tackling PFAS Growing national concern surrounds the presence in the environment of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). While research is ongoing to understand more about these degradation-resistant chemicals, states and the federal government are already taking action to reduce PFAS prevalence in drinking water and the environment. This session will provide perspective on what the chemicals are, why they are pervasive, and how states and U.S. EPA are addressing the challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heidi Grether, ECOS Cross-Media Committee Vice Chair and Director, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>

4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Plenary Session on Partnerships ❖ Special Recognition on International Cooperation Presented by Paul Connors, Consul General of Canada in Minneapolis, Minnesota ❖ Remarks on State-Federal Environmental Cooperation Henry Darwin, Chief of Operations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, introduced by Becky Keogh, ECOS Vice President and Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Wrap-up & Call to Adjourn Todd Parfitt, ECOS President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
5:45 – 8:45 p.m.	ECOS Evening Event Omnitheater Short Film <i>Dream Big: Engineering Our World</i>, Mississippi River Gallery Tour, Buffet Dinner, & Cash Bar Please wear your name a name badge, which will serve as your ticket, and arrive by 5:45 p.m. A private showing of <i>Dream Big: Engineering Our World</i> on the power of innovative ideas will run from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. A buffet dinner and cash bar will be available immediately afterwards outside the Mississippi River Gallery, where guests will exit the theater.	<i>Science Museum of Minnesota</i>

Thursday, March 22 (States Only, Except Where Noted)

7:15 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Session Buffet Breakfast Open to states and U.S. EPA.	<i>Summit</i>
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Session ECOS Executive Committee	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	Closed Session Resolutions Discussion & Voting	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Closed Session 2020 Spring Meeting Host State Selection	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Break Open to states and U.S. EPA.	<i>Promenade Foyer</i>
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Closed Session Discussion of <i>Waters of the U.S.</i> with David Ross, Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Open to states and U.S. EPA.	<i>Promenade Ballroom</i>
11:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Closed Session Cooperative Federalism Oversight Workgroups Open to state and U.S. EPA workgroup members.	<i>Archbishop Ireland</i>

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming ECOS Meetings

2019 Fall Meeting

August 28-30, 2018

Stowe, Vermont

2019 Spring Meeting

April 8-10, 2019

Washington, DC area (Crystal City, Virginia)

2019 Fall Meeting

Dates TBD

Washington State

2020 Spring Meeting

Dates TBD

Location TBD