

2025 National Nonpoint Source Training Workshop

This workshop will foster coordination among NPS program practitioners and partners by bringing together state, Tribal, Nation, territorial, federal, and other interested stakeholders involved with program activities under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

OCTOBER 27 – 29, 2025

HILTON CAPITOL CENTER, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26		
3:00 – 4:30	Field Trip: LSU Center for River Studies The field trip will embark you on a journey that will take you back in time, along the coast of Louisiana, and into the future of the Louisiana Coast! Prepare yourself for a guided tour of our exhibit space, which will cover the history of the Mississippi River, how levees created land loss, and what is being done to restore wetlands. You'll also be amazed when you see the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model, a working hydraulics laboratory where students and engineers conduct research used in restoration projects along the river. This field trip is <u>free to attend</u> but <u>transportation is on your own</u> . Pre-registration is <u>required</u> . The LSU Center for River Studies is 1.2 miles from the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol hotel.	100 Terrace Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
6:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	On Your Own
7:00 – 8:00	Registration	Foyer
8:15 – 9:00	General Session: EPA & Regional Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troy Hill, US EPA, Region 6 (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom
9:00 – 10:00	General Session: National Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Fligger, US EPA 	Riverview Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30	Break	Foyer
10:30 – 12:00	General Session: Tribal-State Coordination Panel Session Lead: Margot Buckelew, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rishi Bastakoti, North Carolina DEQ Joe Musante, Retired, EPA (<i>invited</i>) Trevor Whit, Rovah Farms (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	On Your Own
1:30 – 2:30	Breakout: Agriculture Farmer Outreach Session Leads: Travis Sieve; Katie Flahive; Jacob Greif; Whitney King, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth Baker, Mississippi State University Brad Jordahl, Minnesota PCA Emilee Novak, North Dakota DEQ 	Riverview Ballroom A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olivia Tenorio, CNMI BEQM (<i>tentative</i>) Erich Glave, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment (<i>invited</i>) 	
1:30 – 2:30	Breakout: Urban Stormwater Runoff & Green Infrastructure Session Leads: Adrienne Coakley and Steve Hohman, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allen Brown, Arkansas Dept. of Agriculture (<i>invited</i>) Amelia Yates, New Jersey DEP (<i>invited</i>) Michael Pennino, US EPA (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom B
2:30 – 3:00	Break	Foyer
3:00 – 4:30	Training: Watershed Planning & Reporting Session Leads: Brian Fontenot and Catherine Brady, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucas Gregory, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Rebecca Candilasa, Hawaii DOH Blake Forrest, Arkansas Department of Agriculture (<i>invited</i>) Tina Hendon, Texas A&M University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom A
3:00 – 4:30	Training: Tribal Program Development Session Leads: Eric Trum and Margot Buckelew, US EPA	Riverview Ballroom B
5:00 – 7:00	Social Event Directions on webpage. Limited capacity of 75 people. Pre-registration is required.	The River Room
7:00 –	Dinner	On Your Own
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	On Your Own
8:30 – 9:15	General Session: State Program Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joey Breaux, LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry 	Riverview Ballroom
9:15 – 10:15	General Session: Local Partnership Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Crowder, Ducks Unlimited (<i>invited</i>) TBD, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom
10:15 – 10:30	Break	Foyer
10:30 – 11:30	General Session: Community Engagement and Outreach Session Leads: Kathryn Vallis and Cyd Curtis, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shea McCarthy, South Carolina DHEC (<i>tentative</i>) Olivia Tenorio, CNMI BEQM (<i>tentative</i>) Adam Reimer, National Wildlife Federation (<i>invited</i>) Alyssa Riley, Michigan EGLE (<i>invited</i>) Bob Sweet, Michigan EGLE (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch	On Your Own
1:00 – 2:00	Breakout A: Monitoring & Modeling Session Leads: Whitney King; Adrienne Coakley; Michael Hoffmann, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Dvoretz, Oklahoma Conservation Commission 	Riverview Ballroom A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah Riedl, Montana DEQ Emilie Henry, Montana DEQ (<i>tentative</i>) 	
1:00 – 2:00	Breakout: Tribal Project Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelton Kersey, Pawnee Nation Dylan Ruckel, Southern Ute Indian Tribe (<i>tentative</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom B
1:00 – 2:00	Breakout: Territory Closed Door Session Moderator: Richard Friesner, NEIWPC	Louisiana Room
2:00 – 2:30	Break	Foyer
2:30 – 3:30	Training: Agriculture NPS Solutions, Successes and Collaborations Session Leads: Travis Sieve; Katie Flahive; Jacob Greif; Whitney King, US EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda Reed, US EPA Buddy Oubre, Buddy Oubre Farms Joey Breaux, LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry Jess Schoen, Wisconsin DNR (virtual) Katie Hickel, Nebraska DEE (<i>tentative</i>) Laura Richardson, Missouri DNR (<i>invited</i>) Travis Sieve, US EPA (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom A
2:30 – 3:30	Breakout: Watershed-Based Planning & Implementation Session Leads: Brian Fontenot and Catherine Brady, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julia Schneider, Center for Watershed Protection Peter Vincent, Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom B
2:30 – 3:30	Breakout: Tribal Closed Door Session Moderator: Richard Friesner, NEIWPC	Louisiana Room
3:30 – 3:45	Break	Foyer
3:45 – 5:15	Training: Protecting Waters from NPS Impairment Session Leads: Steve Epting; Paul Walkup; Kathryn Carberry, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Klatt, New Mexico Environment Department Alex Wong, Maine DEP Alyssa Riley, Michigan EGLE (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom A
3:45 – 5:15	Training: Policy, Coordination & Funding Mechanisms Session Lead: Don Waye, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jay Gilbertson, East Dakota Water Development District Kris Dozard, South Dakota DENR Judy Rondeau, MassDEP (<i>tentative</i>) Ginger Murphy, Iowa DNR (virtual) 	Riverview Ballroom B
3:45 – 5:15	Breakout: Early Staff Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyd Curtis, US EPA 	Louisiana Room
5:15 –	Dinner	On Your Own
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION

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7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast	On Your Own
8:30 – 9:30	General Session: Tribal Plenary	Riverview Ballroom
9:30 – 10:30	General Session: Hazard Mitigation & Emerging Challenges Session Leads: Ellie Flaherty; Whitney King; Adrienne Coakley; Kathryn Vallis; Shalyn Bauschlicher; Avra Heller, EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Berger, Louisiana DEQ • Kathryn Lacey-Young, New Mexico Environment Department • Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo • Katie Hickel, Nebraska DEE (<i>tentative</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom
10:30 – 11:00	Break	Foyer
11:00 – 12:00	Training: GRTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyd Curtis, US EPA 	Riverview Ballroom
11:00 – 12:00	Breakout: Tribal Funding & Coordination Strategies Session Lead: Margot Buckelew, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Gries, Northern Arizona University (<i>tentative</i>) • Patrick Lynch, Syracuse University (<i>invited</i>) • Tribal Exchange Network (<i>invited</i>) 	Louisiana Room
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	On Your Own
1:30 – 2:30	Breakout: Coastal Management Session Leads: Avra Heller and Catherine Brady, EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Candilasa, Hawaii DOH • Andrew Barron, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (<i>invited</i>) • Siva Nunna, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (<i>invited</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom A
1:30 – 2:30	Breakout: Hydromodification Session Leads: Adrienne Coakley; Margaret Sommariva; Jeff Lerner, US EPA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo • Hannah Riedl, Montana DEQ • Kathryn Lacey-Young, New Mexico Environment Department • Steve Malone, Ohio EPA (<i>tentative</i>) • Tom Harcarik, Ohio EPA (<i>tentative</i>) 	Riverview Ballroom B
2:30 – 2:45	Break	Foyer
2:45 – 3:00	General Session: Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Fligger, US EPA 	Riverview Ballroom A