



## **Air Quality Keystone Conference**

**May 5–7, 2026**

Camelback Resort | Tannersville, PA



Pennsylvania  
**Department of  
Environmental Protection**

## AGENDA – DAY 1

Monday, May 4

### TRAINING SESSION CHECK-IN

5:00 – 10:00 PM Evening Arrival and  
Hotel Room Check-in

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## AGENDA – DAY 2

Tuesday, May 5

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast  
8:00 – 8:30 AM Shuttle to Main Event Space  
[Pennsylvania Room]  
8:30 – 8:45 AM **Introductions**  
*Jed Smith,*  
*Air Quality Specialist*

**Audience:**  
All

**Location:**  
*Pennsylvania Room*

### TECHNICAL TRAINING SESSIONS 1

8:45 – 10:00 AM **Intro to Air Quality  
Monitoring; Session 1**  
*Sean Nolan,*  
*Air Quality Division Chief,*  
*and Team*

**Audience:**  
All

**Location:**  
*Pennsylvania Room*

This first session will cover the equipment and methods used in Air Quality Monitoring (AQM). It includes an overview of the Commonwealth's network of monitoring equipment, some of the

specific pieces of equipment, and how we ensure that the data collected is of a sufficient quality for us to use.

**8:45 – 10:00 AM**

**Audience:**

*All*

**Location:**

*Valley View Room*

**Utilizing PowerBI for Your Position**

*Mark Houser,  
IT Project Manager*

PowerBI contains a tremendous amount of information that can be useful for every position in the air quality program. But are you using the database effectively? This session will discuss the various capabilities of PowerBI and how it can be used to help make your job easier.

**10:00 – 10:30 AM** Break

**TECHNICAL TRAINING SESSIONS 2**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM** **Intro to Air Quality**

**Monitoring; Session 2**

*Sean Nolan,  
Air Quality Division Chief,  
and Team*

**Audience:**

*All*

**Location:**

*Pennsylvania Room*

After covering the “How” in the first session, this session will discuss what AQM does with the data once it’s been collected—what information is used to ensure compliance

with NAAQS, other Air Toxics, and some concrete examples of projects that have been done in the past.

- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** *Arrival and Registration; Non-Training Session Participants*
- 12:00 PM** Lunch Provided for Training Session Participants Only

## **PLENARY SESSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA ROOM**

- 1:00 – 1:30 PM** **Introductions / Welcome Remarks**  
*Nick Lazor,  
Bureau Director*
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM** **Air Quality Ice Breaker**  
*Alyssa Hoy,  
Environmental Planner II*  
**“Breaking the Ice”**: a team building activity to engage in energizing conversations with new or familiar colleagues. A fun way to bond with the BAQ Team!
- 2:30 – 3:15 PM** **Keynote Speaker**  
*Ramez Ziadeh,  
Executive Deputy Secretary, DEP*
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM** Break
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM** **Developments in Federal Air Quality Regulation**  
*Brian Greenert,  
Attorney 3, OGC*

The current federal administration has announced significant policy changes relating to Air Quality regulation since taking office in January 2025. This session will provide an overview of the Air Quality policy announcements of the current administration and certain legal and regulatory actions that the administration has taken to implement those policies. The session will focus on legal and regulatory developments that impact Air Quality regulation in the Commonwealth.

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Training Discovery**

*Joseph Martini,  
Division Chief*

*Gwyneth Navitsky,  
Human Resources Analyst 2*

This session will provide a brief overview of the design, purpose, and functionality of the air quality training program. Attendees will learn how to navigate the program's online dashboard, explore available training resources, and complete an Employee Training Plan (ETP)

in collaboration with their supervisor. The presentation will walk through key tools, forms, and workflows, with time for Q&A. This session will also introduce the Air Quality Safety Committee and provide a general overview of the DEP Safety Program.

**5:00 – 5:45 PM**

**Optional Event (Social Mixer) and Hotel Room Check-in**

**5:45 – 6:30 PM**

Shuttle to Summit House

**6:30 PM**

Dinner with vegetarian and gluten free options at the Summit House

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## **AGENDA – DAY 3**

**Wednesday, May 6**

**7:00 – 8:00 AM**

Breakfast

**8:00 – 8:30 AM**

Shuttle to Main Event Space

### **PLENARY SESSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA ROOM**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM**

**Introductory Remarks**

*Dan Hackenberg,  
Air Quality Program Specialist*

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Leading Through Change:  
Envisioning the Future with  
Courage and Clarity**

*Eileen Forney,  
Human Resources*

This session focuses on the 7 dimensions of self-care and their role in creating wellness within our lives, as well as some neuroscience mixed in on how both change and challenges impact how we think and experience the world.

**10:00 – 10:15 AM** Break

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**10:15 – 11:00 AM**

**Audience:**

*Non-Supervisory Staff*

**Location:**

*Pennsylvania Room*

### **1. What Do Managers Want?**

*Nick Lazor,  
Bureau Director*

Managers. Can't live with them, can't live without them. We will help you unravel the best ways to keep them happy and far from your cubicle. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

**10:15 – 11:00 AM**

**Audience:**

*Supervisory Staff*

**Location:**

*Valley View Room*

### **2. Finding Yourself at the Front**

*Ali Tarquino Morris,  
Deputy Secretary,  
Office of Waste, Air, Radiation,  
and Remediation*

Now that you've moved into a management role, how do you prepare yourself to be an effective leader?

**10:15 – 11:00 AM**

**Audience:**

*Clerical Staff*

**Location:**

*East Side Café*

### **3. Supporting Everyone**

*Janine Tulloch-Reid,  
Environmental Engineer  
Manager*

*Jennifer Horst,  
Administrative Officer 2*

Providing support for everyone can be challenging. This session provides an opportunity for clerical staff to enhance their administrative skills, network with peers, and stay updated on the latest office tool and best management practices.

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Audience:**

*All*

**Location:**

*Pennsylvania Room*

### **1. At the Crossroads of Air and Health**

*Dr. Julie Miller,  
Public Health Toxicologist*

*Nathan McCray,  
Epidemiologist*

Some of our colleagues at the Department of Health are here to provide a little background on how pollution affects the human body and where our work helps to support theirs. For those interested in better understanding why regulations and guidelines are set where they are.

11:00AM – 12:00 PM

**Audience:**

*All*

**Location:**

*East Side Café*

## 2. SPEED Permit Program

*Sean Wenrich,*

*Environmental Engineer*

*Manager*

Act 54 of 2024, Section 1803 establishes the Streamlining Permits for Economic Expansion and Development (SPEED) Program, which allows interested permit applicants to utilize external Qualified Professionals (QPs) to conduct an initial review of certain permit applications then DEP or delegated county conservation district will make a decision on the permit application, based on the QP's review of the application. For Air Quality, eligible applications are state-only plan approval applications, which include applications at minor (non-Title V) facilities. The presentation covers the basics of how SPEED works for plan approval applications.

**11:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Audience:**

*Permitting,  
Administrative Staff*

**Location:**

*Valley View Room*

**3. Split Session (1<sup>st</sup> Half) —  
Small Business Ombudsman**

*Samantha Harmon,  
Small Business Ombudsman  
Office*

Do you know what an ombudsman is or why DEP has a Small Business Ombudsman Office (SBOO)? Join this session to learn how the SBOO acts as an advocate and a resource for small businesses in their interactions with the Department and provides free, confidential services to PA businesses. Created under the Clean Air Act and PA Air Pollution Control Act, the SBOO works to ensure small business concerns are considered during rulemakings, develops or directs businesses to compliance assistance resources, identifies and administers funding resources, and provides mediation at the request of a business or DEP employee.

**11:30 AM – 12:00 PM** **4. Split Session (2<sup>nd</sup> Half) –**

**Audience:**

*Permitting,  
Administrative Staff*

**Location:**

*Valley View Room*

**EMAP Program**

*Jeremy Hancher,  
EMAP Program Manager*

Learn the benefits of referring your small business facilities and operations to the Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP). This free, confidential service in Pennsylvania helps small businesses navigate complex and ever-changing air quality regulations, fulfilling the mandate of the Clean Air Act and the Air Pollution Control Act. Funded by the Air Program, EMAP assists small businesses with understanding air quality requirements, preparing applications and reports, and providing guidance on a multitude of environmental topics. This session will highlight how this vital program empowers small businesses to achieve compliance.

**12:00 – 1:00 PM**

Lunch with vegetarian and gluten free options in Pennsylvania Room

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Audience:**

*All*

**Location:**

*Thirsty Camel*

### **1. Safety Training**

*Gwyneth Navitsky,  
Safety Coordinator,*

*Justin Hess,  
Safety Consultant*

During this session, attendees will learn about the safety resources and support offered by the Office of Administration, including the importance of safety on the job, identifying ways to prevent injuries from occurring, using available safety resources to stay safe on the job, and preventing safety complacency.

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Audience:**

*Permitting,  
Administrative Staff*

**Location:**

*East Side Café*

### **2. Permitting CEMS**

*Todd Starner,  
Environmental Group Manager*

An open forum for the exchange of ideas, strategies, and information with regards to the consistent permitting, certification, and enforcement of compliance for Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Audience:**  
*All*

**Location:**  
*Valley View Room*

**3. New/Newish/Kind-of-New  
Inspector Roundtable**

*Jennifer Ramos-Buschmann,  
Air Quality Specialist*

*Courtney Motuk,  
Air Quality Specialist*

Are you an inspector who's been hired since the last Keystone conference in 2023 or maybe you just consider yourself still "new"? If so, join us for a small group session. We'll discuss a variety of topics ranging from our new inspector success stories, to tricks we have picked up, to maybe learning a few things from a couple veteran inspectors to help us on our journey.

**PLENARY SESSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA ROOM**

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Natural Gas Industry Discussion**

*Pat Henderson,  
Marcellus Shale Coalition*

As Pennsylvania enters its second decade of shale gas development, this session will explore the many economic and environmental successes attributable to shale gas development. Learn about where Pennsylvania stands on

the national stage in 2025; the challenges faced by operators; and the opportunities to further maximize Pennsylvania's environmental progress and standing as a leading energy state.

**3:00 – 3:15 PM**

Break

**3:15 – 4:30 PM**

**Regional Problem Solving**

*Jillian Gallagher,*

*Southeast Program Manager*

*Mark Wejkszner,*

*Northeast Program Manager*

*William Weaver,*

*Southcentral Program Manager*

*Muhammad Zaman,*

*Northcentral Program Manager*

*Mark Gorog,*

*Southwest Program Manager*

*Lori McNabb,*

*Northwest Program Manager*

Each DEP Region deals with complicated issues. Some situations are similar between regions while others are unique to specific areas. This session entails a panel discussion with Program Managers from different regions, where they describe the methods and techniques they use to navigate a variety of challenges.

**4:30 – 5:00 PM**

Day Closeout

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast

**PLENARY SESSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA ROOM**

8:30 – 8:45 AM **Introductory Remarks**  
*Jed Smith,*  
*Air Quality Specialist*

8:45 – 9:15 AM **Air Quality Perspectives**  
*Dan Hackenberg,*  
*Air Quality Program Specialist*

A look back at how far we've come since Air Quality management was introduced and an overview of the processes and tools we use to keep it that way.

9:15 – 9:30 AM **DEP Vehicle Use Impacts on Emissions**  
*Andy Schweitzer,*  
*NERO*

*Erika Wintersteen,*  
*NERO*

Have you ever wondered what kind of impact our activities have while we journey around the Commonwealth? Here's a look at what we contribute in the course of our work.

9:30 – 9:45 AM Break

**9:45 – 10:15 AM**

**AIMS/eFACTS Updates**

*Katelin Hunt,  
Director, Center of  
Environmental Excellence*

Big changes are coming to the central database systems for the DEP. This session will introduce the new platform and discuss general topics associated with the system.

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

**Future of AQ with  
Generational Panel**

*Nick Lazor,  
Bureau Director*

This panel discussion brings together the perspectives and opinions of DEP employees throughout various stages in their careers. What can we learn from those who have spent 25+ years with the department? How do employees with only a few years of experience think we can enhance the program? By assimilating new ideas with hard earned experience, we can all work together to guide the department into the future.

**11:15 – 11:30 AM**

**Closing Remarks**

*Nick Lazor,  
Bureau Director*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **Ramez Ziadeh, P.E.**

*Executive Deputy Secretary ,  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

Ramez started his career with DEP in January of 1994 in the Southwest Regional Office as a Civil Engineer in the Soils and Waterways Section of the Water Management Program.

Since then, he served as the Permitting and Technical Services Chief in the Watershed Management Program in the Southcentral Region, Chief of the Project Inspection Division in the Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands, Director of the Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands, Executive Deputy Secretary of Programs and Acting Secretary during the last 7 months of Governor Wolf's term.

Ramez is a licensed professional engineer in the States of Pennsylvania and California. He received his B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 1993.

## SPEAKER



### **Ali Tarquino Morris**

*Deputy Secretary,  
Waste, Air, Radiation, and Remediation,  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

Ali Tarquino Morris serves as the Acting Deputy Secretary of Environmental Protection's Office of Waste, Air, Radiation & Remediation for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. She is mission-driven professional who is dedicated to protecting the environment for all people. Previously, Ali served as the Director of the Bureau of Waste Management. As the Bureau Director, Ali oversaw the statewide implementation of Pennsylvania's statewide hazardous, municipal and residual waste programs, recycling and beneficial use programs, and the waste transportation safety program. Prior to joining the Bureau of Waste Management, she worked in the Department's Southcentral Regional Office and Bureau of Laboratories.

Ali graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Mary Washington with a degree in biology/chemistry. She lives in rural Pennsylvania with her husband and four children.

## SPEAKER



### **Nick Lazor**

*Director, Bureau of Air Quality,  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

Nick Lazor is the Director of the Bureau of Air Quality for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He has 30 years of environmental experience in the air quality field including several years in air toxics monitoring. As the Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, He is responsible for managing the Agency's efforts to comply with state and federal air regulations, respond to environmental emergencies, assist businesses and environmental groups as well as find ways to innovate in the air program. Mr. Lazor has a BS in Environmental Science from Slippery Rock University. Mr. Lazor is also a Command Sergeant Major in the PA Army National Guard with over 37 years of service. Mr. Lazor has deployed to Kosovo, in support of Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief operations and with the 56th Stryker Brigade to Iraq, multiple civil support operations and to the 2020 Inauguration civil unrest. He is currently assigned as the Garrison Command Sergeant Major for Fort Indiantown Gap. He is married with one child and resides in Harrisburg, PA.

## SPEAKER



### **Eileen Forney**

*Human Resources,*

*Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

Eileen Forney has been employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 17 years and currently serves as an Agency Learning Section Chief for the PA Office of Administration, Bureau of Talent Development. She oversees training for 25 agencies, including DEP.

Eileen's education includes:

B.A. Letters, Arts and Sciences, Organizational Leadership Concentration Penn State University

M.A. Leadership Duquesne University

M.S. Adult Education Duquesne University

## SPEAKER



**Pat Henderson**  
*Government Affairs*  
*Marcellus Shale Coalition*

Patrick Henderson serves as Vice President of Government Affairs and Communications. In this role, he assists the members of the Marcellus Shale Coalition in navigating a host of important public policy issues which affect the safe and responsible development of shale gas resources. The Marcellus Shale Coalition is the largest advocacy organization representing operators and affiliated companies involved in the development of natural gas in the Commonwealth. Henderson joined the Marcellus Shale Coalition in 2015.

Prior to this role, Henderson served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Energy Executive for Governor Tom Corbett. As Deputy Chief of Staff, Henderson served as the primary liaison to the Governor's Office for nearly a dozen Cabinet-level Executive state agencies. Henderson was a senior advisor on energy policy; partnering with state agencies to coordinate a cohesive energy strategy that reflects Governor Corbett's vision for energy; and worked with citizens and stakeholders on advancing sound

energy policies in the Commonwealth. He led the effort to publish Pennsylvania's first ever State Energy Plan, published in January 2014.

Before serving on Governor Corbett's Executive Staff, Henderson spent 14 years on staff in the state Senate. From January 1999 through January 18, 2011, Henderson served as the Executive Director of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. During this time, he helped craft laws such as Growing Greener, the Water Resources Planning Act, the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, the Dormant Oil and Gas Act, the Alternative Energy Investment Act, The Coal Mine Safety Act and others.

Henderson served on Governor Corbett's Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission, charged with crafting a comprehensive and strategic plan for the safe and responsible development of Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania. He also helped craft and seek enactment of Act 13 of 2012, the comprehensive Marcellus Shale law which updated the state's oil and gas statutes for the first time in nearly three decades. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Henderson is a 1996 graduate of Bloomsburg University with a B.A. in Political Science. He resides in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County with his wife and two children.

For any questions or concerns about conference related topics, *do not contact hotel staff.*

Please contact **Alexandra Paullet, 814-282-8210.**

She will relay the message to the committee, and we will work to resolve any issues that may arise.

Thank you.



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