2021 Virtual Waste Conference
April 27 & 28, 2021
12:00 – 4:00 p.m. (CDT) and
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Networking

You're invited to join us for this year's 2021 Virtual Waste Conference. We have a great lineup of presenters to provide you with information on issues related to a wide range of topics focused on waste management and compliance. This is your opportunity to attend the premier Waste Conference in the region without having to leave your office and/or home. Time will be allowed at the end of each session for a Q&A with participants. Plan on signing up today to join us.

Conference Agenda: Tuesday, April 27th

12:00 p.m. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Stephanie Deery, Conference Co-Chair
Senior Project Manager, TRC
Andrew Dorn, A&WMA-LMSS Chair
Senior Environmental Engineer, ITW

12:05 p.m. **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

Introduction: ***Francis X. Lyons***, Partner
Schiff Hardin LLP

Speaker: ***Cheryl Newton***, Deputy Regional Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency Region 5

EPA Priorities: What We Know So Far

As new Administration appointees continue to settle in at EPA, Region 5 Deputy Regional Administrator Cheryl Newton -- currently the acting regional administrator – will provide a look ahead at anticipated Agency priorities.

12:45 p.m. **MINI TOPICAL BREAKOUT SESSION**

A separate *Invitation Only* ***Young Professional Meet & Greet*** with Keynote Speaker, Cheryl Newton will be held during this time.

1:00 p.m. **LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BONA FIDE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER**

This session focuses on how to effectively perform environmental due diligence and take advantage of the Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser (BFPP) defense under the Superfund law. Representatives from EPA, environmental consulting, and law will: (1) review the requirements for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and discuss when and how to perform a Phase II ESA; (2) analyze litigation of the BFPP defense with respect to how courts have examined the adequacy of Phase I's and the implementation of reasonable steps and continuing obligations; and (3) discuss the EPA's approach to pre-acquisition Comfort Letters and Prospective Purchaser Agreements.

Moderator: ***Stephanie Deery***, Senior Project Engineer
TRC

Speakers: ***Mike Butler, PE***, Office Practice Leader
TRC

Matthew Cohn, Attorney
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC

Hollis Luzecky, Attorney-Advisor
Office of Site Remediation Enforcement
US Environmental Protection Agency

2:15 p.m. **MINI TOPICAL BREAKOUT SESSION**

2:30 p.m. **EMERGING CONTAMINANTS - PFAS**

This presentation will include updates on federal regulatory issues and legal challenges associated with the historical use of PFAS. We will also discuss PFAS in Due Diligence and the proposed revisions to the ASTM E1527-13 Standard (Phase I Environmental Site Assessments) to reflect recognition of emerging contaminants.

Moderator: ***Suzanne Bonola***, Senior Project Scientist
Weaver Consultants Group

Speakers: ***Tera Fong***, Director, Water Division
USEPA Region 5

Bina Joshi, Partner
Schiff Hardin LLP

Mark Westra, Principal
GZA GeoEnvironmental

3:45 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**

4:00 p.m. **NETWORKING**

Conference Agenda: Wednesday, April 28th

12:00 p.m. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Deb Jacobson, Associate Director
Illinois Sustainable Technology Center / University of Illinois
Andrew Dorn, A&WMA-LMSS Chair
Senior Environmental Engineer, ITW

12:05 p.m. **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

Introduction: ***Lawrence Falbe,*** Principal
Miller Canfield

Speaker: ***Yesenia Villasenor,*** Associate General Counsel - EHS
Tesla, Inc.

A Journey to Becoming an Environmental Lawyer at Tesla and What I've Learned Along the Way

Environmental attorney Yesenia Villasenor will share the story of her personal and professional journey as a non-native English-speaker and first-generation law student to private law practice and several significant corporate counsel positions, culminating with her experience at Tesla, the world's most innovative car company. Ms. Villasenor will also touch on the numerous environmental challenges facing the regulated community.

12:45 p.m. **MINI TOPICAL BREAKOUT SESSION**

A separate *Invitation Only* ***Young Professional Meet & Greet*** with Keynote Speaker, Yesenia Villasenor will be held during this time.

1:00 p.m. **STATE REGULATORS / REGULATORY UPDATE**

Representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin will discuss current regulatory priorities and trends within each state boundary. Each state representative will also talk about emerging issues, state enforcement priorities and new initiatives and resources to the regulated community.

Moderator: ***Deb Jacobson***, Associate Director
Illinois Sustainable Technology Center / University of Illinois

Speakers: ***Charles Breitenfeldt***, Senior Environmental Manager
Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Brad Wolbert, Director, Waste and Materials Management Program
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Liz Browne, Director, Materials Management Division
Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

Kyle Rominger, Chief, Bureau of Land
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

2:30 p.m. **MINI TOPICAL BREAKOUT SESSION**

2:45 p.m. **BENEFICIAL REUSE & CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

Under the Biden Administration, a renewed focus on sustainability includes efforts to minimize waste and instead adopt a "cradle-to-cradle" approach to material reuse. Our panelists discuss their existing efforts to divert used materials for beneficial reuse, the challenges they have encountered, and thoughts on the potential for expansion of these initiatives as a part of a broader focus on ESG and infrastructure.

Moderator: ***Pete Tomasi***, Attorney
Foley & Lardner LLP

Speakers: ***Brian Surane,*** Vice President
Chemtron Corporation

Bryant Esch, Director Environmental Engineering
Waupaca Foundry, Inc.

Christopher Samaras, Project Engineer
ITW Hi-Cone

4:00 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**

4:15 p.m. **NETWORKING**

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