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# Change is in the Air

## 2025 Annual Air Conference

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

**Drury Lane Conference Center, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**

The A&WMA Lake Michigan States Section is pleased to offer the Midwest’s most comprehensive annual conference on air quality legal, regulatory and management issues. We are honored to present Mr. Clint Woods, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, as the distinguished keynote speaker for this year’s Air Conference. As in past years, conference attendees will hear from senior representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) as they discuss key regulatory updates in their respective jurisdictions, and from a diverse panel discussing key updates on air enforcement matters. This year’s conference also highlights an expert technical panel discussing air deposition of PFAS contaminants, and concludes with a timely panel highlighting the challenges and complexity in the changing air regulatory landscape.

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7:30 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST and EXHIBIT VIEWING</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION</b> David Loring, <i>Partner, ArentFox Schiff; Conference Co-Chair</i>
8:10 a.m.	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - <i>AIR ADVENTURES IN COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM</i></b>
Speaker:	<b>Clint Woods</b> , <i>Commissioner</i> Indiana Department of Environmental Management
8:55 a.m.	<b>SESSION I – <i>PFAS IN AIR</i></b>
Moderator:	This multidisciplinary panel will discuss the complexities of monitoring and managing PFAS in air. From sample collection challenges and analytical advancements to sophisticated modeling and regulatory perspectives, the discussion will underscore the need for integrated approaches to address this emerging environmental health issue. <b>Ann Zwick</b> , <i>Of Counsel, Taft Stettinius &amp; Hollister LLP</i>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jesse Rocha</b>, <i>Vice President, Operations</i> Alliance Technical Group</li> <li>• <b>Terry Obal</b>, <i>Specialty Testing Practice Leader</i> SGS North America</li> <li>• <b>Chris DesAutels</b>, <i>Principal Scientist</i> Gradient</li> <li>• <b>Gary Saunders</b>, <i>DAQ Emerging Compounds (EC) Actions Coordinator</i> North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality</li> </ul>
10:10 a.m.	<b>BREAK AND EXHIBIT VIEWING</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>SESSION II – <i>ENFORCEMENT</i></b>
Moderator:	Government, public interest, and industry leaders will share insights on shifting environmental air enforcement trends and what they mean for agencies, businesses, and communities. <b>Audrey Avila</b> , <i>Counsel, Thompson Hine LLP</i>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mark Templeton</b>, <i>Clinical Law Professor</i> Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago</li> <li>• <b>Devin Barry</b>, <i>Partner</i> Thompson Hine</li> <li>• <b>Matt Dunn</b>, <i>Chief, Environmental Enforcement</i> Illinois Attorney General</li> </ul>
11:30 a.m.	<b>BUFFET LUNCHEON and KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - <i>SATELLITE DATA FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT</i></b>
Speaker:	<b>Dr. Tracey Holloway</b> , <i>Professor</i> University of Wisconsin—Madison and Leader of the NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (HAQAST)

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<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SESSION III – <i>FEDERAL &amp; STATE REGULATORY UPDATE</i></b>
Moderator: Speakers:	<p>Air Directors and leaders from EPA Region 5, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin will discuss their air program priorities and activities. In addition to discussing the unique developments at EPA, IEPA, IDEM, EGLE, and WDNR, these agency leaders will discuss shared issues and objectives like NAAQS implementation and permitting challenges before answering your questions.</p> <p><b>Kurt Kissling</b>, <i>Partner</i>, Warner, Norcross + Judd LLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Mooney</b>, <i>Director, Air and Radiation Division</i> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5</li> <li>• <b>Julie Armitage</b>, <i>Chief, Bureau of Air</i> Illinois Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• <b>Annette Switzer</b>, <i>Air Quality Division Director</i> Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy</li> <li>• <b>Matt Stuckey</b>, <i>Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air Quality</i> Indiana Department of Environmental Management</li> <li>• <b>Gail Good</b>, <i>Director, Air Management</i> Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</li> </ul>
<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>BREAK AND EXHIBIT VIEWING</b>
<b>2:35 p.m.</b>	<b>SESSION IV – <i>CHALLENGES OF THE CHANGING REGULATORY LANDSCAPE</i></b>
Moderator: Speakers:	<p>In the past year, air regulation has and continues to undergo notable changes, including key policies involving greenhouse gas standards, vehicle efficiency rules, and permitting requirements that have been revised or reconsidered. These shifts have prompted greater engagement from states, industry, and advocacy groups, each navigating the evolving balance between federal and state authority in air quality management. Today’s panel will explore how these developments are shaping the regulatory landscape and what they may mean for future compliance and enforcement.</p> <p><b>David Loring</b>, <i>Partner</i>, ArentFox Schiff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jennifer Van Wie</b>, <i>Board Member</i> Illinois Pollution Control Board</li> <li>• <b>Meghan Greenfield</b>, <i>Partner</i> Jenner &amp; Block</li> <li>• <b>John Gibbons</b>, <i>Partner</i> ERM</li> <li>• <b>David C. Scott</b>, <i>Senior Attorney</i> Environmental Law &amp; Policy Center</li> </ul>
<b>3:50 p.m.</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>
	<p><b>Audrey Avila</b>, <i>Counsel</i>, Thompson Hine LLP <i>Conference Co-Chair</i></p>
<b>4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>

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