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2026 Annual Air Conference
Emerging Policy, Technology, and Monitoring

Monday, November 16, 2026
Jenner & Block, 353 N Clark Street, Chicago

The **A&WMA Lake Michigan States Section** is proud to present the **Annual Air Conference**, bringing together top federal, state, and local leaders to share the latest updates on air quality regulation, enforcement, and emerging technologies. This year's program features **senior representatives from the U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA, Michigan EGLE, and Wisconsin DNR**, alongside expert panels on **new source review, compliance & enforcement, federal and state regulatory changes, air monitoring, and data center development**.

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We are pleased to invite companies that provide products and services for environmental management to participate in our conference by exhibiting in the dedicated exhibit area.

Exhibit tables will be strategically placed within the conference room to ensure optimal visibility and accessibility for attendees, facilitating direct engagement and networking opportunities.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your expertise, connect with industry professionals, and promote your offerings to a targeted audience.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. They include signage with company logos displayed during corresponding portions of the conference as well as logo displayed in conference proceedings and on our website. *Sponsorship does not include conference registration.*

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7:30 a.m.	**REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST and EXHIBIT VIEWING**
8:00 a.m.	**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION** ***Audrey Avila,*** *Counsel,* Thompson Hine LLP; *Conference Co-Chair* **AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION INTRODUCTION** ***James M. Walker,*** *Past A&WMA President* Consumer Energy
8:15 a.m.	**BREAKFAST SESSION** ***THE ONGOING EVOLUTION OF NEW SOURCE REVIEW***
	Mr. Hiser will provide an update on the NSR program, including recent and anticipated developments for permitting, compliance and enforcement. Topics will include recent EPA rules and guidance as well as a discussion of the U.S. v. EES Coke case, a recent NSR case that expanded the concept of "operator liability" for parent and related companies.
Moderator:	***Kurt Kissling****, Partner,* Warner Norcross +Judd
Speaker:	***Eric Hiser****, Partner* Hiser Burggraff Curtis
9:00 a.m.	**SESSION I –** ***DERISKING DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT***
	A dual-perspective examination of project risk through air permitting strategies and proactive stakeholder engagement?
Moderator:	***Sarah Langeliers,*** *Director, Supply Chain Environmental & Sustainability* Keurig Dr Pepper
Speakers:	• ***Kerri M. Gefeke****,* Senior Associate Attorney Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) • ***Sharon Sadler****, Directing Consultant* ALL4
10:00 a.m.	**BREAK AND EXHIBIT VIEWING**
10:20 a.m.	**SESSION II –** ***COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT***
	Government, public interest, and industry leaders will share insights on shifting environmental air enforcement trends and what they mean for agencies, businesses, and communities.
Moderator:	**David Loring**, *Partner,* Arentfox Schiff LLP
Speakers:	• ***Matt Dunn****, Chief, Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos Litigation Division* Illinois Attorney General's Office • ***Carolyn Persoon,*** *Director* Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division Region 5 US EPA • ***Jenny Cassel,*** *Senior Attorney* EarthJustice

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11:30 p.m.	**NETWORKING LUNCHEON and KEYNOTE PRESENTATION** ***NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN SATELLITE DATA FOR AIR QUALITY AND ENERGY***
Speaker:	***Dr. Tracy Holloway,*** *Professor University of Wisconsin-Madison* and *Leader* of the NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences TEAM (HAQAST) and NASA Commercial Impact Hub for Energy Decision-Making
1:00 p.m.	**SESSION III – *FEDERAL & STATE REGULATORY UPDATE***
	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.
Moderator:	**Pete Tomasi**, *Partner,* Foley & Lardner LLP
Speakers:	• ***John Mooney,*** *Director, Air and Radiation Division* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 • ***Julie Armitage,*** *Chief, Bureau of Air* Illinois Environmental Protection Agency • ***Annette Switzer,*** *Air Quality Division Director* Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy • ***Matt Stuckey,*** *Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air Quality* Indiana Department of Environmental Management • ***Gail Good,*** *Director, Air Management* Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
2:30 p.m.	**BREAK AND EXHIBIT VIEWING**
2:45 p.m.	**SESSION IV – *A TALE OF TWO CITIES: COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING AND ENGAGEMENT***
	A fireside conversation with local government officials from Chicago and Gary exploring how community air monitoring informs public trust, stakeholder engagement, and environmental decision-making across state lines.
Moderator:	***Johanna Clifford****, Project Manager III,* Civil & Environmental Consultants
Speakers:	• ***Brenda Scott-Henry****, Director of Environment & Sustainability* City of Gary, Office of Sustainability & Environmental Affairs • ***Maribel Chavez-Torres****, Chicago Department of Public Health's Managing Deputy* Commissioner; discuss Chicago's Open Air Network
3:45 p.m.	**CLOSING REMARKS** ***Johanna M. Clifford,*** *Project Manager III,* Civil & Environmental Consultants *Conference Co-Chair*
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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❒ Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Certificate	$25	$25
❒ Networking Reception Only (non-conference attendee)	$75	$75

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❒ *I do not consent to the use of my image/recording in promotional and media materials.*

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To register - mail or e-mail your registration to the address below. Online registration is also available at www.LMAWMA.org

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REGISTRATION:

❒	Exhibitor (10 available) *Includes 1 conference registration*	$675
❒	Sponsorship – Conference Supporter	$250
❒	Sponsorship – Photographer (2 available)	$300
❒	Sponsorship – Coffee Break (Sold out)	$500
❒	Sponsorship – Breakfast (Sold out)	$650
❒	Sponsorship – Luncheon (1 available)	$1,000
❒	Sponsorship – Reception Bar + Food (Sold Out)	$900

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Conference Overview

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About the Conference

Location
Jenner & Block
353 North Clark Street
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Registration
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Included with Registration
Conference registration includes a continental breakfast, refreshments during breaks, lunch and an exhibitor-sponsored networking cocktail reception at the end of the conference. Attendees have the option to receive a printed handout or electronic version of available presentations.

Conference Proceedings
Conference Proceedings will be posted on the A&WMA-LMSS website. Attendees will be notified by e-mail when the final papers and presentations are available.

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Sponsorship Opportunities
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Exhibitor Opportunities
Exhibitor opportunities are available at a cost of $650.00 for a tabletop display. The exhibits will be highly visible to conference participants during the entire conference, with specific times for viewing during breaks and a closing reception.

Hotel Reservations
A block of rooms has NOT been reserved, but there are many hotels within walking distance of Jenner & Block in Chicago.