



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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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**.

EXHIBITOR / SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

The Exhibitor fee will be \$675, which includes:

- 6' Exhibitor table & chairs
- Full registration for one representative
- Discounted registration fee for one (1) additional exhibitor staff
- Signage indicating exhibitor sponsorship with company names listed.
- Acknowledgement of your company by name in conference proceedings and on our website.
- List of conference registrants following the conference.

Sponsorship opportunities 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.

- General Conference Supporter - \$250
- Photographer - \$300 (2 available)
- Coffee - \$500 (3 available)
- Breakfast - \$650 (1 available)
- Lunch - \$1,000 (1 available)
- Networking Reception (Bar + Food) - \$900 (2 available)

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7:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST and EXHIBIT VIEWING
8:00 a.m.	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION <i>Audrey Avila, Counsel, Thompson Hine LLP; Conference Co-Chair</i> AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION INTRODUCTION <i>Leah Blinn, Immediate Past President, A&WMA</i> <i>Vice President & Corp. Air Quality Practice Leader, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.</i>
8:10 a.m.	BREAKFAST SESSION <i>NEW SOURCE REVIEW UPDATES</i>
Moderator:	<i>Kurt Kissling, Partner, Warner Norcross +Judd</i>
Speaker:	<i>Eric Hiser, Partner</i> Hiser Burggraff Curtis
8:55 a.m.	SESSION I – <i>DERISKING DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT</i>
Moderator:	<i>Sarah Langeliers, Director, Supply Chain Environmental & Sustainability</i> Keurig Dr Pepper
Speakers:	• <i>Kerri M. Gefecke</i>, Senior Associate Attorney Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) • <i>Sharon Sadler, Directing Consultant</i> ALL4
10:10 a.m.	BREAK AND EXHIBIT VIEWING
10:30 a.m.	SESSION II – <i>COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT</i>
Moderator:	<i>David Loring, Partner, Arentfox Schiff LLP</i>
Speakers:	• Illinois Attorney General’s Office (<i>invited</i>) • <i>Carolyn Persoon, Director</i> Chicago Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division US EPA, Region 5 • <i>Jenny Cassell, Senior Attorney</i> EarthJustice
12:00 p.m.	NETWORKING LUNCHEON
	Recharge, connect, and collaborate during the Networking Luncheon, a highlight of the conference designed to spark meaningful conversations and lasting professional relationships. Over a delicious, chef-curated meal, you’ll have the opportunity to sit with industry peers, thought leaders, and potential collaborators in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

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1:00 p.m.	SESSION III – <i>FEDERAL & STATE REGULATORY UPDATE</i>
Moderator:	Pete Tomasi , <i>Partner</i> , Foley & Lardner LLP
Speakers:	• John Mooney, <i>Director, Air and Radiation Division</i> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 • Julie Armitage, <i>Chief, Bureau of Air</i> Illinois Environmental Protection Agency • Annette Switzer, <i>Air Quality Division Director</i> Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy • Matt Stuckey, <i>Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air Quality</i> Indiana Department of Environmental Management • Gail Good, <i>Director, Air Management</i> Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
2:15 p.m.	BREAK AND EXHIBIT VIEWING
2:35 p.m.	SESSION IV – <i>AIR MONITORING</i>
Moderator:	Johanna Clifford , <i>Project Manager III</i> , Civil & Environmental Consultants
Speakers:	• Brenda Scott-Henry, <i>Director of Environment & Sustainability</i> City of Gary • Maribel Chavez-Torres, <i>Chicago Department of Public Health’s Managing Deputy Commissioner</i>; discuss Chicago’s Open Air Network
3:50 p.m.	CLOSING REMARKS Johanna M. Clifford , <i>Project Manager III</i> , Civil & Environmental Consultants <i>Conference Co-Chair</i>
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	NETWORKING RECEPTION



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Register online or complete this form and submit

NAME: _____
COMPANY: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
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E-MAIL: _____

REGISTRATION:

	Early Bird (before 10/5/26)	General (after 10/5/26)
☐ Members	\$425	\$475
☐ Non-Members*	\$500	\$550
☐ Government Employee	\$250	\$300
☐ Young Professionals (35 years old or younger)	\$200	\$250
☐ Students	\$50	\$75
☐ Printed Handbook	\$100	\$100
☐ Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Certificate	\$25	\$25
☐ Networking Reception Only (non-conference attendee)	\$75	\$75

☐ **Donation to Stephen Rothblatt Scholarship Fund** \$ _____
A&WMA-LMSS is a 501(c)3 organization, please consult your accountant for potential tax deduction

**Non-members receive a one-year Local Associate membership with Lake Michigan States Section.*

Have multiple employees from the same company that want to attend? Contact Robin Pelsis at 847-202-0418 to register and receive a 15% discount after the first registration.

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

A limited number of scholarships are available for anyone who requires CLE credit to maintain professional registration such as attorneys, professional engineers and professional geologists and who could not otherwise afford to attend this conference. There are also a limited number of government and student scholarships. Contact Robin Pelsis at (847) 202-0418 or robin.pelsis@lmawma.org for more details on any of the scholarships.

Payment via: ☐ check ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express
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Cancellations will be accepted until November 6, 2026 (less a \$100 cancellation fee). Substitutions may be made at any time. After November 6th, we will no longer be able to issue any refund, but the conference proceedings will be provided.

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

LM-A&WMA, 11 Pleasant Hill Blvd., Palatine, IL 60067
Phone: (847) 202-0418 / E-mail: robin.pelsis@LMAWMA.org

**If you would like to register additional conference attendees,
please contact Robin Pelsis for a discount.**

EXHIBITOR / SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

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Company Name: _____

Contact Name and Title: _____

Name for badge: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration can be completed via this form or online at www.LMAWMA.org

REGISTRATION:

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| ☐ Exhibitor (10 available) | \$675 |
| <i>Includes 1 conference registration</i> | |
| ☐ Sponsorship – Conference Supporter | \$250 |
| ☐ Sponsorship – Photographer (2 available) | \$300 |
| ☐ Sponsorship – Coffee Break (3 available) | \$500 |
| ☐ Sponsorship – Breakfast (1 available) | \$650 |
| ☐ Sponsorship – Luncheon (1 available) | \$1,000 |
| ☐ Sponsorship – Reception Bar+Food (2 available) | \$900 |

Sponsorships do not include conference registration

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Conference Overview

Conference Co-Chairs:

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About the Conference

Location

Jenner & Block
353 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654

Registration

To register, complete the on-line registration form at www.lmawma.org or return the enclosed registration form with your payment to: A&WMA, 11 W Pleasant Hill Blvd., Palatine, IL 60067.

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.

Continuing Education Credit Opportunities

Conference attendees may be eligible for Continuing Legal Education Credits or Professional Development Hours. For more information, please contact Robin Pelsis at robin.pelsis@lmawma.org or 847-202-0418.

Refund Policy

If written notice of cancellation is received on or before November 6, 2026 payment will be refunded, less a \$100 cancellation fee. (Cancellation fees apply regardless of payment method). Substitutions may be made at any time. This refund policy applies to all occurrences, including weather-related events and other natural disasters. In the unlikely occurrence of event cancellation, the Association is not liable for any expenses incurred by the registrant other than the full refund of registration fee(s) paid.

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.