



## **Final Agenda: 2023 Removal and Emergency Response Workshop** **June 13-14, 2023 | Hilton Doubletree | Crystal City, VA**

### **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM**

**7:00 – 8:15**                      **Workshop Check-In (NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION). Light Breakfast Provided.**

#### **Commonwealth Room**

**8:15 - 8:30**                      **Welcome and Opening Remarks from ASTSWMO and U.S. EPA Leadership**

- Sheri Uhlenbruch, KY, ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Chair
- Tim Ratsep, DE DNREC, ASTSWMO Past-President
- Dana Stalcup, EPA Office of Emergency Management Acting Director

**8:30 – 10:30**

#### **Environmental Justice (EJ) in Removals and Emergency Response**

Moderator: Barbara Krupiarz (MD), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Member

#### Speakers:

- Introduction by Millie Garcia-Serrano, MA DEP, ASTSWMO President
- Proactive Environmental Justice Considerations During Removal Actions by Sheri Uhlenbruch, KY DEP

A case study highlighting the organizing, implementation, and lessons learned involved in planning Environmental Justice considerations prior to remediation at a residential Removal Action in Kentucky.

- Environmental Justice Tools to Assist Emergency Responders by Cathy Kiley, MA DEP

Emergency Responders are out there 24/7 reacting to spills or releases of oil/hazardous material. These “Spills/Releases” can happen anywhere, anytime, and can impact anyone in any community. This presentation will discuss some Environmental Justice tools that can aid emergency responders and impacted individuals.

- Mulino, OR, Mercury Facial Cream Incident by Kevin Chan, OR DEQ

In early February 2023, DEQ was informed of a young family having elevated mercury levels in their system. Coordinating with multiple agencies, DEQ and EPA were able to locate the source of the mercury and conduct effective remediation. In this incident, agencies were able to recognize the struggles and social pressure through an Environmental Justice perspective.

- Flint Michigan Environmental Justice presentation by Diane Russell, U.S. EPA Region 5

**10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK**

**11:00– 11:15 Interactive Environmental Justice Exercise**

Moderator: Dave Friedman (NV), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Vice-Chair

**11:15 – 12:00 Environmental Justice Roundtable with States and U.S. EPA**

Moderator: Cathy Kiley (MA), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Member

Speaker:

- Environmental Justice in Emergency Response by Ellen Treimel, U.S. EPA

**12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH (On your own)**

**1:30 – 2:30 Community Lifeline (Explanation and Application)**

Moderator: Jon Reid (OK), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Member

A lifeline communicates the operational status of critical business and government functions that are essential to human health and safety or economic security. FEMA developed the community lifelines to increase effectiveness in disaster operations and better position responders to rapidly understand and communicate about catastrophic incidents. FEMA intends disaster responders to prioritize stabilization of the lifelines during emergencies for effective response.

Speakers:

- Meaghan Bresnahan, U.S. EPA OEM HQ
- Shane Goss, WI DNR

**2:30 – 3:00 LIGHT SNACK & NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:00 – 4:30**

**Incident Management Case Studies**

Moderator: Kimberlee Van Patten (OR), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Member

Speakers:

- U.S. EPA Flint Water Response, Diane Russell, U.S. EPA
- Keystone Pipeline, Danny O'Connor, U.S. EPA

The presentation will provide a high-level summary of the Keystone Pipeline oil spill response and highlight EPA Region 7's coordination with State partners throughout the different response phases.

- Erie Coke Site: EPA/State Collaboration for a Time Critical Removal Action, Michael Towle, U.S. EPA

This presentation addresses initial time-critical cleanup actions at a former coke facility in Erie, PA and the interactions between EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Adjourn by 5:00**

**5:00 – 6:00**

**Reception in the Monument View Room: Hosted and Funded by the ASTSWMO Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM**

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**8:00 – 10:00**

**Reducing our Risk, Understanding Lithium-Ion Battery Response and Removal**

Moderator: Maizie Reif (WI), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Member

This program will dive into the top fires the Fire Service is responding to and best techniques for overall incident mitigation once the flames stop. A comprehensive community approach is key in limiting secondary events.

Speakers:

- Brian Schlieger, U.S. EPA OEM HQ
- Michael O'Brian, Code Savvy Consultants

**10:00– 10:30**

**CHECKOUT BREAK.**

**10:30 – 11:30**

**State and US EPA Roundtable**

Moderators: Samantha Salotto (NY) and Doug Jamison (CO), ASTSWMO Removals and Emergency Response Focus Group Members

**Adjourn by 12:00**