

Learning Laboratory Session Descriptions

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
72nd Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition

Environmental Health Leadership Development

Wednesday, June 25

9:00am - 12:00noon

A Taste of CDC's Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (EPHLI): An Introduction to Systems Thinking

Cynthia D. Lamberth, MPH, Co-director, National Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute, KY

EPHLI was developed to strengthen the country's environmental public health system by enhancing the leadership capabilities. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in a condensed version of EPHLI's introduction to systems thinking and community involvement, which will include a video, group interaction, and lively discussion.

3:00 – 4:50pm

The Leadership Lounge

Panelists:

Rob Blake, MPH, REHS, Chief of the Environmental Health Services Branch, NCEH/CDC, GA

Patrick Bohan, PhD, MS, MSEH, RS, Assistant Professor, East Central University, OK

Amer El-Ahraf, DrPH, REHS, CA

Nelson Fabian, MS, Executive Director, NEHA, CO

Larry Gordon, MPH, MS, DHL, Sanitarian, SC

CAPT Chuck Higgins, MS, REHS, USPHS, National Park Service, Washington, DC

Sarah Kotchian, PhD, MPH, EdM, Research Assistant Professor and Associate Director for Planning, University of New Mexico Institute of Public Health, NM

John Marcello, REHS, CP-FS, Pacific Region Retail Food Specialist, FDA, AZ

CAPT Mark D. Miller, MPH, RS, Senior Environmental Health Officer, USPHS, NCEH/CDC, GA

CAPT Charles S. Otto, III, MPA, RS, CP-FS, Innovation Team Leader/Senior Environmental Health Officer, USPHS, NCEH/CDC, GA

Peter Thornton, MPH, DAAS, RS, Environmental Administrator, FL

This past year, NEHA identified 15 of the preeminent leaders in the environmental health field. Attendees will be able to meet and pose questions to about a dozen of these distinguished leaders in an informal setting. For the first hour, the leaders will respond as a group to attendee questions and issues. The second hour will be devoted to more individual interaction, with the leaders providing their personal insight, advice, and counsel. This promises to be a rare opportunity to learn from and rub shoulders with some of the legends and icons in the EH field.

Terrorism and All-Hazards Preparedness

Wednesday, June 25

9:30am – 12:00noon

Environmental Health Considerations for Community Re-Entry and Re-Occupation after Disasters

CAPT Mark D. Miller, MPH, RS, Senior Environmental Health Officer, USPHS, NCEH/CDC, GA
Martin A. Kalis, Public Health Advisor, NCEH/CDC, GA

Taken from CDC's successful Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER) course, this session will discuss and provide environmental health practitioners with tools to address public health considerations for re-entry and re-occupation of communities after disasters. Participants will engage in group exercises related to general safety, food safety, potable water, sanitation, and vector control.

1:30 – 4:30pm

Disaster Strikes – Do You Have an Environmental Health Emergency Response Plan?

Brian R. Golob, CHMM, REHS, Senior Environmentalist, Hennepin County HSPHD, MN

Effectively responding to a disaster or emergency hinges on having appropriate written procedures and policies in place in advance. This session will focus on critical issues that need to be thought about before writing a useful environmental health emergency response plan. Participants will work through several different exercises, activities, and discussions to gain insights enabling them to either modify an existing plan or develop a new one.