What to Attend at the 2018 AEC

**Affiliate Leadership Workshop**
Sunday, June 24, 1-5 PM

*Learn how to plan a successful conference.*

**Affiliate President’s Meeting**
Monday, June 25, 1-3 PM

*Meet fellow affiliate leaders.*

**Opening Session**
Monday, June 25, 3:30-6 PM

**Keynote Address: Frank Yiannas, Walmart VP of Food Safety**

**Town Hall**
Wednesday, June 27, 6:30-7:50 AM

*Your chance to ask NEHA leadership and staff about the issues that matter to you.*

**Awards Ceremony**
Wednesday, June 27, 5-6 PM

*Celebrate this year’s winners.*

**Good Vibrations Reception**
Wednesday, June 27, 6:30-9 PM

*Network and have fun with new and old friends!*

**Over 300 Educational Sessions**
Tuesday, June 26 through Thursday, June 28

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**NEHA NEWS FOR AFFILIATES**

Submitted by NEHA Affiliate Engagement Committee, May 2018

**Affiliate Certificates of Merit**
**Deadline: June 1, 2018**

Nominate an outstanding individual or team. Recipients are honored with a handsome certificate and an announcement during the Awards Ceremony at the 2018 AEC.

**New NEHA Policy Statements!**

**Food Safety as Related to the Consumption of Cannabis-Infused Food Products and Comprehensive Mosquito Control**

**Webinar: A Sneak-Peek at Two AEC Climate and Health Sessions**
**May 23, 1:00-2:30pm ET**

NEHA and ecoAmerica will host a webinar to preview two climate and health presentations at NEHA’s AEC & Exhibition: Climate for Health Ambassadors Training and the latest NEHA Climate Metrics Survey results. This is an opportunity to get a sneak-peek before the AEC, ask questions, and learn more about these presentations. NEHA encourages affiliates from every state to attend the Climate for Health Ambassadors orientation at the AEC. Content includes Climate 101, Climate Impacts on Health, Climate Solutions and Health Benefits, and Communicating on Climate and Health. For more information, please visit [NEHA’s Climate Change website](#).

**NEHA Capitol Hill Lobby Day**

On May 1st, the NEHA Board of Directors, led by president Adam London, with NEHA Executive Director Dr. David Dyjack, and NEHA’s Joanne Zurcher spoke on behalf of every member and affiliate during Capitol Hill Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. NEHA met with the offices of many Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate about building capacity for the environmental health profession and discussed the important work we do for communities. We advocated for the Environmental Health Workforce Act, appropriate funding for the CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health, and the reauthorization of the Pandemic & All Hazards Preparedness Act. According to Adam London, “Environmental Health is now included in the latest draft of the Pandemic & All Hazards Preparedness Act. This inclusion will help support the critical work of preventing disease and securing food, water, waste management, and shelter resources in the aftermath of disasters. CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health is a tremendous resource to locals struggling with new and emerging threats to public health (such as PFAS in groundwater, vapor intrusion over old industrial areas, and Zika virus). And the Environmental Health Workforce bill provides the public with the assurance that the professionals who ensure that their food and water supplies are protected are held to high standards for continuing education and professional proficiency.”