



**National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology
Agenda
September 28-29, 2015**

**U.S. EPA
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
WJC South, Room 2138
Washington, DC 20460**

September 14, 2015

Monday, September 28, 2015

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Agenda

Eugene Green
Designated Federal Officer
EPA Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach

Bill Ross
NACEPT Chair

Denise Benjamin-Sirmons
Director
EPA Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach

9:30 am Opening Remarks

Karl Brooks
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Administration and Resources Management

Tom Burke
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and EPA Science Advisor
Office of Research and Development

10:15 am Overview and Discussion of NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA

Jay Benforado
Deputy Chief Innovation Officer
Office of Research and Development

Bill Ross
NACEPT Chair

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Citizen Science at EPA
[10 minute presentations with 5 minutes for questions, followed by a panel discussion]

Panelists will provide an overview of citizen science activities and progress in different organizations within EPA, as well as provide historical context.

Moderator Jay Benforado
Deputy Chief Innovation Officer
Office of Research and Development

11:00-11:15 Community Empowerment

Deb Szaro
Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 1

11:15-11:30 Air Monitoring and Research

Dan Costa
National Program Director
Air, Climate, and Energy Research Program

11:30-11:45 Water Monitoring and Research

Susan Holdsworth
Monitoring Branch Chief
Assessment and Watershed Protection Division
Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds

11:45-12:00 Environmental Justice

Matt Tejada
Director
Office of Environmental Justice

12:00-12:30 Panel Discussion

What are the current plans and issues for EPA's future work on citizen science?

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm USGS: A Model Agency for the Strategic Use of Citizen Science

David Applegate
Associate Director
Natural Hazards
U.S. Geological Survey

2:00 pm Panel Discussion: The Breadth and Diversity of Citizen Science
[10 minute presentations with 5 minutes for questions, followed by a panel discussion]

Panelists will provide examples of the diversity of uses of citizen science projects and data in federal and state government, as well as outside government.

Moderator Jay Benforado
Deputy Chief Innovation Officer
Office of Research and Development

2:00-2:15 Introduction

2:15-2:30 The Key Role of States

Kris Stepenuck
Extension Assistant Professor of Watershed Science,
Policy, and Education
The University of Vermont

2:30-2:45 Perspectives from the Academic Community

Jennifer Shirk
Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Citizen Science Association

2:45-3:00 Museums and NGOs: Partners in Environmental Education

Caren Cooper
Assistant Director, Biodiversity Research Lab
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

3:00-3:30 Panel Discussion

How can EPA best support and participate in citizen science?

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm Update on NACEPT Subcommittee on Clarifying State and Tribal Assumed Waters under Section 404(g)(1) of the Clean Water Act

Laura Bachle
Designated Federal Officer
Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds
U.S. EPA Office of Water

- 4:15 pm** Discussion of NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA and Council's Response
- Bill Ross
NACEPT Chair
- Council Members
- 5:00 pm** Public Comments
- 5:15 pm** Discussion of Agenda and Objectives for Tuesday, September 29
- Bill Ross
NACEPT Chair
- 5:30 pm** Adjourn

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

- 8:30 am** Registration
- 9:00 am** Discussion of Council's Response to NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA
- Bill Ross
NACEPT Chair
- Council Members
- 10:30 am** Break
- 10:45 am** Discussion of Council's Response to NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA
- 12:00 pm** Public Comments
- 12:15 pm** Working Lunch
- 1:15 pm** Discussion of Council's Response to NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA
- 2:30 pm** Discussion of Action Items and Next Steps
- Bill Ross
NACEPT Chair
- Council Members
- 3:00 pm** Adjourn