



**EPA Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and Technical Symposium**  
**August 3, 2016 | Ada, Oklahoma**

**AGENDA**

9:00 AM	<p><b>Event Registration, Posters, and Networking</b></p> <p>In honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, please take time to visit the poster displays and view the video which highlight some of our past and present research activities. All posters will be on display in the lobby and corridor areas throughout the day. EPA scientists will be available to discuss the details of their work during the scheduled breaks and the Poster and Networking Session from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.</p>
9:30 AM	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Richard Lowrance, Director, Ground Water and Ecosystems Restoration Division, EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD)</p>
9:40 AM	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Cynthia Sonich-Mullin, Director, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, EPA ORD</p>
9:50 AM	<p><b>EPA Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center—Pioneers in Groundwater Research: Past, Present, and Future</b></p> <p>Lek Kadeli, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, EPA ORD</p>
10:10 AM	<p><b>Remarks by Elected and Local Officials</b></p> <p>Governor Mary Fallin, State of Oklahoma  U.S. Congressman Tom Cole - 4<sup>th</sup> District of Oklahoma  Secretary Jim Reese, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry  Senator Susan G. Paddock - District 13 of Oklahoma  State Representative Todd Thomsen - District 25 of Oklahoma</p> <p><b>The Oka' Institute at East Central University: Collaborating to Create Water Solutions for Sustainable Ecological Management and Economic Development</b></p> <p>John Hargrave, President, East Central University (Ada, OK)  Guy Sewell, Director of Research, Oka' Institute</p>

11:30 AM	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition</b> Presentation of plaque commemorating anniversary of the center by Lek Kadeli, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, EPA ORD <i>RSKERC Time Capsule 1966 – 2016</i>
12:00 Noon	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
1:30 PM	<b>Signing Ceremony for Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Coordination between the U.S. EPA and the Chickasaw Nation</b> Remarks by Lek Kadeli, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, EPA ORD, and Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation <i>Memorandum Signing Ceremony</i>
<b>Technical Research Symposium on Groundwater, Watersheds, and Ecosystem Restoration</b>	
2:00 PM	<b>Challenges for Improved Groundwater Management</b> Jerad Bales, Chief Scientist for Water, U.S. Geological Survey
2:30 PM	<b>Resilience of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Agriculture: Adapting to Climate and Water Challenges</b> Jean Steiner, Laboratory Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service (El Reno, OK); Past-President, American Society of Agronomy
3:00 PM	<b>Groundwater Quality and Remediation: A Personal Journey and the Ada Lab</b> David Sabatini, David Ross Boyd Professor and Sun Oil Company Endowed Chair, University of Oklahoma; Director, Water Technologies for Emerging Regions (WaTER) Center
3:30 PM	<b>Break</b> Posters will be on display in lobby and corridor areas
3:45 PM	<b>EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water: Current and Future Needs on Drought Resilience and Groundwater</b> Joseph Tiago, Physical Scientist, Drinking Water Protection Division, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW); OGWDW Designated Federal Officer, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council
4:00 PM	<b>Overview of EPA Regional Office Perspectives on Drought Resilience and Groundwater</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Moderated by:</i> Patti Tyler, EPA ORD Regional Science Liaison to Region 8 (Denver, CO)</li> <li>• Carole Braverman, EPA ORD Regional Science Liaison to Region 5 (Chicago, IL)</li> <li>• Michael Overbay, Regional Ground Water Center Coordinator, EPA Regional 6 (Dallas, TX)</li> <li>• Brenda Groskinsky, EPA ORD Regional Science Liaison to Region 7 (Kansas City, KS)</li> </ul>

**EPA ORD's Research Program for Drought Resilience and Extreme Events**

4:30 PM Rick Greene, Associate National Program Director, Safe and Sustainable Water Research Program, EPA ORD and EPA-ORD PIs in Drought Resilience and Extreme Events

**Closing Remarks**

4:50 PM Richard Lowrance, Director, Ground Water and Ecosystems Restoration Division, EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD)

**Poster and Networking Session**

5:00-6:00 PM EPA scientists will be available to discuss the details of their research. Refreshments will be served.

**Thank you for honoring us with your presence at this milestone event celebrating  
50 years of excellence in environmental research at RSKERC!**