

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

2012 National Conference of Regions
Monday, February 13, 2012 • 10:15am - 12:15pm • Salon IIIA

Co-Chairs:

Hon. David Danielson, Commissioner, Town of Bedford, NH
Hon. Kenneth Fallows, Chair, Environmental Council, TMACOG

AGENDA

- I. 10:15am -10:20am
Welcome and Introductions
Co-Chairs Fallows and Danielson

- II. 10:20am-10:45am
EPA Discussion: Integrated Planning for Water Quality
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing an integrated planning approach framework to help the Agency work with state and local governments and to identify: (1) The essential components of an integrated plan; (2) Steps for identifying municipalities that might best make use of such an approach; and, (3) How best to implement the plans with our state. Come learn about EPA's effort and how your organization can be engaged in the process.
 - *Deborah Nagle*, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Water, U.S. EPA (invited)

- III. 11:00am-11:20am
Local Government Partner Update
The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National League of Cities (NLC) will provide updates on their environmental policy priorities for 2012.
 - *Julie Ufner*, Associate Legislative Director, Environment, Energy and Land Use, NACo (confirmed)
 - *Carolyn Berndt*, Principal Associate, Infrastructure & Sustainability, Federal Relations, NLC (invited)

- IV. 11:20am-11:50am
Open Discussion: Environmental Activities, Challenges and Opportunities
Attendees of the meeting will use this open forum to dialogue about environmental activities, challenges and opportunities within specific regions and localities around the country. Topics of interest include watershed management and planning, air quality, greenhouse gas reduction, livable/sustainable communities efforts, energy planning and implementation, etc.

- V. 11:50am-12:15pm
NARC Staff Update
NARC staff will provide a policy and program update and allow time for general participant discussion. Topics will include:
 - Review of 2012 Environmental Policies
 - Livable Communities Act and the Sustainable Communities Partnership
 - Grant Update
 - Other Important Program and Policy Activities

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