

NSC Technical Subcommittee Call Minutes – October 17, 2023

Participation [by region]:

- 1: Beatriz Milne - **CT**
- 2: Ed Bakos - **NJ**
- 3: Luke Hershey, Carrie Wintersteen & Lee Ann Briggs – **PA**
- 4: Donovan Grimwood– **TN**; Griffin Jones – **FL** and Tony Pendola - **NC**
- 5: Kaitlyn Devries – **MI**; Jennifer Theodore, Samantha Connolly & Emily Ohde – **MN** and Alan Minne, Hani Sharaya, Chrystal Wagner & Mark Stoddard – **IN**
- 7: Abigail Crouse & Leena Divakar – **KS** and Jason Clay & Jordan Burrows - **IA**
- 8: Eleanor Divver – **UT** and Michael Gustafson – **MT**

EPA: Paula Hoag

Presenter: Tony Pendola and Leena Divakar

Tech-Subcommittee: <https://nationalsbeap.org/committees/technical>

**** This presentation was recorded and will be posted on the National SBEAP YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5PupYpZ1W6IG8CtzCINK8Q> ****

An Overview of the 2023 AAPCA Fall Business Meeting in Raleigh, NC and

Why you should consider attending next year

Tony Pendola, PE, North Carolina & Leena Divakar, Ph.D., Kansas State University

Tony and Leena will share their experiences from last week's conference hosted by the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA).

They will pass along some very fresh air updates and note some of the networking opportunities.

Tony will tell one of his infamous stories giving a history of our interaction with AAPCA that yielded fortuitous changes at EPA.

Leena will highlight an interesting case study and share her perspective on the value of such a technical air quality conference for someone new to that media.

Bios

Tony Pendola, PE

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Tony is the SBO/EAP (environmental assistance program) for the State of North Carolina and has a quarter century of experience in the program. He is a past Chair and current member of the SBEAP

National Steering Committee (NSC) and serves on most of the subcommittees. Tony and his wife own two small businesses: the nation's largest children's consignment store and a wedding venue.

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Leena is engaged in providing technical assistance on issues affecting air and water quality.

Leena earned a degree in agricultural engineering and a Ph.D. in integrated water resources management.

Prior experiences include serving as an environmental specialist at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and as a research associate at KSU.

Past environmental projects include stormwater permitting, EPA's dental amalgam rule, nutrient management tool, developing a harmful algal blooms toolkit, promoting a pharmaceutical & sharps take-back program, and providing technical assistance to dry cleaners and compliance assistance to ready-mix concrete businesses.

Leena mentors PPI pollution prevention summer interns and assists on a variety of other projects as needed.

Currently, Leena is helping small businesses with air quality permitting and seeks opportunities to expand her knowledge and experience in the realm of air pollution.

Resources:

Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies - <https://cleanairact.org/>

National Association of Clean Air Agencies - <https://www.4cleanair.org/>

Future topics:

- **November 21:** Solar Panel Recycling, Donovan Grimwood, TN
- **December 19:** Planning discussion for a couple of topics from the Technical Subcommittee or annual training in 2024 or cancel this meeting due to the holidays.
- **January 16, 2024:** Climate and the Economic Justice Screening Tool, Mary Yesko Baker
- **Other topics include:** ECHO Notify, updates on the minor NSR (New Source Review) rulemaking – 5 minutes
- **March 2024:** Potential annual training topics – National Compliance Assistance Center updates, managing used/expired hand sanitizer (Angela Hughes, OK DEQ), Recycling lithium-ion batteries and plastic/polymers, Updates on paint/coating materials from the American Coatings Association, EPA's Good Neighbor Plan – adding selective catalytic reduction (SCR) or nonselective catalytic reduction (NSCR) to your compression ignition emergency non-road stationary engine?

Next Call: November 21, 2023

1 pm CDT (2 pm EDT) (3rd Tuesday of month)