**2025 Annual Training Planning meeting notes**

*Consolidated in reverse chronological order*

**Planning Subcommittee** – continuous notes

## July 24, 2025

**Roll Call:**

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| Crystal Warren | Tennessee |
| Mari Grover | EPA |
| Leena Divakar | Kansas State University |
| Nunnery, Samantha | Indiana |
| Christopher J Lynch | University of Nevada |
| Jeremy W Hancher | Widener University (PA) |
| Elnora Thompson | EPA |
| Gabe Catenacci | Colorado |
| Mark Stoddard | Indiana |
| Paula Hoag | EPA |
| Eleanor Divver | Utah |
| Troy Johnson  | Minnesota |
| Hillarie Sales  | Oregon |

**Agenda:**

* Registration fees
	+ Food?
* Agenda et al.
	+ Need to send out ASAP
	+ Best day for site visit?
	+ Continue with planning sessions
	+ Outside speakers? Office of Advocacy?

Jarrett – Lithium batteries – how long?

Panel or open forum to share education/outreach

In-person NSC Meeting: talk about LinkedIn. Perhaps create workgroup to develop. Who is the audience (internal/external)? Who is responsible for posting?

For EPA attendance, phrase topics to meet Pillar 3. Emphasis on AI and overall manufacturing. Perhaps write a statement on how the pillars apply.

## July 10, 2025

**Roll Call**

Region 1 –

Region 2 –

Region 3 – Jeremy Hancher (PA)

Region 4 – Donovan Grimwood (TN), Crystal Warren (TN)

Region 5 – Mark Stoddard (IN), Troy Johnson (MN)

Region 6 – Natalie Cota

Region 7 – Leena Divakar (KSU), Jennifer Wittenberg

Region 8 – Gabe Catenecci (CO)

Region 9 – Chris Lynch (NV)

Region 10 – Belinda Breidenbach (ID), Hillarie Sales (OR)

D.C. –

EPA – Mari Grover

Committee Members:

NSC – Chris Lynch

Education –

Technical – Mark Stoddard

Environmental Justice –

Promotional – Crystal Warren

Website – Leena Divaker

**Discussion Topics:**

Dates

Training: October 20 – 21 at 195 North 1950 West, Utah State Building

NSC Meeting: October 22 at TBD

Hotel

Hyatt Place (55 North 400 West)

Transportation to Meeting Place

From hotel: Light Rail: North Temple Bridge or Arena Station (probably sixes on which is closest)

From airport: Light Rail: First Stop (Government offices)

**Brainstorm Session Ideas**

* Less likely to have EPA speakers
* How are we navigating in this current environment
	+ Changes
	+ Lack of resources
	+ Moving forward
	+ Organize as a national group?
	+ How to approach EJ
* Education and outreach
* Small businesses, in general
* Small businesses specific in EJ/Overburdened/Rural and disadvantaged communities
* Air Quality on both days
* Effective compliance – BMPs
* What tools are still on the website that are useful nationwide? How do we add more tools?
* Panel on how states approach a specific topic
* Emerging sectors, ex: data centers
* Leveraging free resources for small businesses. Panel?
* CO permitting tool
* AI – panel or open discussion sharing how different states are using AI.
	+ How can we help further the AI initiative? Marketing! Or grant? Or any routine work.
	+ See if Eleanor can get someone from university speak. Or a local company focusing on AI. Someone who knows how to link marketing with technical info to really focus on specific groups. Or Adobe or other vendors
* Potential Site Visits: UT copper mine that has different industries to avoid being a major source. Or other specific UT regulatory/compliance topic.

**Homework:**

Work with Eleanor on Save the Date. Ask if space can accommodate virtual speakers.

**From Teams Chat:**

How do we collect registration fees? Learn from NPPR how they manage fees. NV used TicketLeap, a third party registration fee collection system.

If EPA and state government could engage an AI system to allow a user to find information directly and with fewer keystrokes would be beneficial. It seems that EPA and the states bury the most valuable information at the great depth possible with internal searching finding everything, but what you are seeking.

AI use is Promoted at Boise State

yes! Mark - talking about prompts that are useful for our work

EPA developed a tool for us to use - personally I chose to not use it

(internal EPA tool)

Earlier in this year, I had access to [https://www.n](https://www.googleadservices.com/pagead/aclk?sa=L&ai=DChsSEwjgl4Ge8LKOAxVcTv8BHfpLL34YACICCAEQABoCbWQ&co=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI4JeBnvCyjgMVXE7_AR36Sy9-EAAYASAAEgIN6fD_BwE&ohost=www.google.com&cid=CAASJeRosJgYkAJze2jB6vUDaq2ROXhnZFMZ3xn9Oq-xOVTOa7kpgak&category=acrcp_v1_40&sig=AOD64_0j6i_YzIEGqlWVIGIro-7kSHUJ7Q&q&adurl&ved=2ahUKEwjBq_ud8LKOAxXivokEHbXNJSIQ0Qx6BAgLEAE)otebooklm.google, but now, no longer. Jeremy had suggested this tool earlier this year. It creates an audio of a dialogue. I experimented with it regarding the earlier EPA draft letter attempts.

Use the power of AI for quick summarization and note taking, NotebookLM is your powerful virtual research assistant rooted in information you can trust.

i have my own personal subscription to ChatGPT and use it a lot. but not through the agency!

<https://www.adobe.com/ai/overview/features.html>

I experimented last month with Microsoft CoPilot regarding an inquiry which required me to select specific information from the Indiana Code. CoPilot was unable to find current regulations, but regulations that may have existed.

Other emerging topics: biochar production and cannabis

I like Perplexity.AI as it includes the references which serve as the basis for its response. Unfortunately, though I had access earlier this year, I no longer have access.

I need to leave. I hope the meeting goes well.

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quick AI promotion idea- creating images

AI's effect on the environment (data centers, etc...)

Has anyone ever used an event platform like Eventzilla? <https://www.eventzilla.net/us/>

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How much money do we need to collect, what would it be used for, and what would happen if we did not collect the money?

I need to duck out to the CAP meeting. Tara has started it at least and people should be coming in now.

I don't think we should charge attendees to fund non National training costs.

Grover, Mari (Unverified) left the chat.