

**SPRING 2024 MEETING AGENDA  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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GROVEPORT, OHIO 43125  
APRIL 15-APRIL 16, 2025  
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**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Subcommittee Meetings**

- 9:00 am S&T Subcommittee
- 9:45 am Planning Subcommittee
- 10:30 am Training and Exercises Subcommittee
- 11:00 am Worker Health and Safety Subcommittee
- 11:30 pm Adjourn Sub-committee Meetings

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 General Meeting**

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| 1:00 pm | Welcome/Opening Remarks   | Commissioner, Ohio EPA<br>Ed Gortner, Ohio EPA<br>Mark Durno, US EPA<br>Jerry Popiel, USCG |
| 1:20 pm | ORSANCO and the Ohio River Focus Group  | TBD, ORSANCO   |
| 2:20 pm | Cleveland Water Alliance<br>Smart Lake Erie Watershed Initiative and the testing they're doing with hydrocarbon sensors being developed by LimnoTech, LSSU, and the Coast Guard GLCOE as a future spill early warning system. | Ebie Holst, Cleveland Water Alliance   |
| 3:00 pm | Break   |  |
| 3:15 pm | State Roundtable Report Out   | All  |
| 4:15 pm | Federal/Tribal Roundtable Report Out  | All  |
| 5:30 pm | Adjourn Day 1   |  |
| 6:00 pm | Afterhours Networking   | TBD  |

## Wednesday, April 16, 2025 General Meeting

- 8:30 am OPA 101 for the State's perspective USCG  
Compare and contrast OPA and CERLA and how can States get direct access to the OSLTF. Work thru scenarios for the States' perspective for response to spills.
- 9:00 am USCG D8 and Sector Ohio Valley Overview USCG  
Overview of organizational structure and response capabilities and spill preparedness and planning on the inland zone of District 8 and Sector Ohio Valley
- 9:30 am Cincinnati Styrene Response (unconfirmed) Jason Cashmere, US EPA  
Keith Wise, Ohio EPA
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am CMAD-EPA Special Team Lawrence Kaelin, US EPA  
What are they, what can they do and how do outside organizations request assistance if they are needed?
- 11:15 am Cincinnati Mercury Response JJ Justice, USEPA  
Keith Wise, Ohio EPA
- 12:00 pm Wildfire and Hurricane Response Jackie Cole, US EPA
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Tactical Side of Lithium Battery Response Bryan Vassar, US EPA  
Following up on from the Fall 2024 presentation, what options do responders have if the batteries are on fire or already in thermal run-away. Several mini-case studies will be presented on lithium battery response.
- 2:30 pm East Palestine Train Derailment Cleanup Update Mark Durno, US EPA
- 3:00 pm Subcommittee Reports  
Science and Technology  
Planning  
Training and Exercises  
Worker Health and Safety
- 3:30pm Closing Remarks Jerry Popiel, USCG  
Mark Durno, US EPA