



National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials

Concerned with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

Annual Conference & Training Workshop April 27-30, 2026 Double Tree Inn by Hilton Hotel 27 N 27th St, Billings MT 59101

Monday, April 27		
1:00-4:00	Pre-Conference Training Opportunity- EPCRA 101 - The basics for LECs and TEPCs to administer EPCRA	Mary Ann Christian, RubyDawn Manning, Michael Seastrom, Steven Phillips, Tom Bergman.
4:30 -5:30	Board Meeting (open to conference attendees and Microsoft Teams meeting available for board members)	

Tuesday, April 28		
Time:	Topic:	Speaker(s):
8:00	Meet the NASTTPO Board, networking	
9:00-9:30	Opening ceremonies, Welcome, Introductions & Presidents Report, Treasurer's Report	MT Rep, President-Mark Johnston, Color Guard, Treasure- Mark Howard
9:30-10:00	PHMSA Update	TBD (Mark J)
10:00-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:30	EPA Update	Jennifer Barre, Rebecca Broussard, Kristina Guarino (Mark J)
11:30-1:00	Lunch Break	
1:00-2:00	Governmental Affairs Update	Tim Gablehouse
2:00-3:00	Tribal Topic: Tribal Nations Disaster Compact	RubyDawn
3:00-3:30	Break	
3:30-4:30	Using AI for administering EPCRA	David Bierling; Texas A&M (Tim G.)

4:30 pm	Training Opportunities, Day in Review,	All/Mark Johnston
5:30-7:00	Vendor/Sponsor Social-Networking	

Wednesday, April 29		
Time:	Topic:	Speaker(s):
8:00	Meet the NASTTPO Board, networking	
9:00-10:00	International Association of Fire Chiefs-Propane Education and Community Safety	Richard Miller, IAFC (Scott Lancaster)
10:00-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:30	Open forum, group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mutual aid reliance, this may be more of a need moving forward should local and state agencies have to do more in the long term for disaster response and recovery.• Nuclear fuel-small reactor technology• New/old energy sources, CNC, Hydrogen, Propane, and Solar etc.• Community engagement-State, local government and first responder agencies• Grant funding-need for assistance for local communities to find and apply for grant funding-identifying projects or gaps for grant funding to fill.	Scott Lancaster
11:30-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-2:00	EPA Response to East Palestine Rail Incident	Eric Pohl, EPA (MarkJ)
2:00-3:00	Something from Montana (CST and pre-planning?)	(Justin Webster)
3:00	Break	
3:30-4:30	Alternate funding sources for LEPCs	Tim Gablehouse
4:30	Day in Review, close out (Open discussion)	Mark Johnston
5:30-7:00	NASTTPO Social-Networking	
Thursday April 30		
Time:	Topic:	Speaker(s):

8:00	Meet the NASTTPO Board, networking	
9:00-10:00	Ion Batteries-large back up banks	TBD (Tim G., Alan, Michael)
10:00-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:30	Colorado - Incident Response and recovery to an uncontrolled oil well release	Roy Rudisill
11:30-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-2:00	Palisades, California wildfire after action	Chief Charles Tobias, Cal. OES (Mark J)
2:00-3:00	Weatherford , OK-Hazmat Incident-Response and After Action	Matt Wormus, Tom Bergman
3:00-3:30	Break	
3:30-5:00	Authority for SERC and LEPCs to conduct onsite audits and other activities of Tier II facilities, panel discussion on practical applications and providing risk information to community and response leaders.	Tim Gablehouse-Panel- Roy Rudisill, TBD, Montana?
5:00	Week in Review, Close out	Mark Johnston
	Friday???	
	TBD-A Montana sponsored SERC/LEPC training?	