



## Metro 4/SESARM Air Directors' Meeting

**FALL 2026**

Meeting Venue—Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, Tennessee Room (312 Rosa L Parks Ave | Nashville, TN | 37243)

Hotel Block—Hampton Inn & Suites, Nashville Downtown Capital View (530 11th Ave North | Nashville, TN | 37203)

| <b>Tuesday, October 27</b><br><i>(Metro 4/SESARM state and local air agency directors, deputy directors, and their proxies)</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                 |
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| <b>1:00 pm</b><br><b>(Central Time)</b>                                                                                         | Metro 4 Fall 2026 Business Meeting (45 min)<br><i>Elect officers, approve FY 2027 budget, adopt revised procedures, conduct other formal business (see agenda).</i>               | Diana Lee, President<br><b>Metro 4 Only</b>                     |
| <b>1:45 pm</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>Break (15 min)</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                 |
| <b>2:00 pm</b>                                                                                                                  | Local and State Air Director — Training Exercise(s) (90 min)<br><i>Discuss new training programs—certified air quality professional and new air program director orientation.</i> | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM<br><b>Metro 4 and SESARM Only</b> |
| <b>3:30 pm</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>Break (15 min)</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                 |
| <b>3:45 pm</b>                                                                                                                  | SESARM Fall 2026 Business Meeting (45 min)<br><i>Elect officers, approve FY 2027 budget, adopt revised procedures, conduct other formal business (see agenda).</i>                | Rhonda Thompson, Chair<br><b>SESARM Only</b>                    |
| <b>4:30 pm</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                 |

| <b>Wednesday, October 28 (morning session)</b><br><i>(Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff)</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>8:30 am</b><br><b>(Central Time)</b>                                                          | Welcome and Introductions (5 min)<br><i>Welcome new employees, go over housekeeping items.</i>                                                                                                                 | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                  | Introductory Remarks (10 min)<br><i>Review EPA Region 4 Air and Radiation Division (ARD) success and priorities, identify key EPA Region 4 staff roles, and share organizational changes.</i>                  | Denisse Diaz, Director, EPA R4 ARD                                                                                                 |
| <b>8:45 am</b>                                                                                   | Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division (LSASD) Updates (15 min)<br><i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.</i>                                                                           | Larry Lamberth, Acting Director,<br>EPA R4 LSASD                                                                                   |
| <b>9:00 am</b>                                                                                   | Grants Management Updates (45 min)<br><i>Share status of Region 4 grants focusing on core 103 and 105 grants, discuss PPA/PPG and other grant programs.</i>                                                    | Donnette Sturdivant, Manager, EPA R4 AASB<br>Patrick Stone, EPA R4 Mission Support<br>Division                                     |
| <b>9:45 am</b>                                                                                   | <b>Break (15 min)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                                                                                  | Air Analysis and Support Branch (AASB) Updates (45 min)<br><i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 AASB and the Air Data and Analysis Section (ADAS) and Regulatory and Community Air Toxics Section (RCATS).</i> | Donnette Sturdivant, Manager, EPA R4 AASB<br>Katy Lusky, Supervisor, EPA R4 AASB ADAS<br>Ryan Brown, Supervisor, EPA R4 AASB RCATS |
| <b>10:45 am</b>                                                                                  | Air Planning and Implementation Branch (APIB) Updates (45 min)<br><i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 APIB and the Air Permits Section.</i>                                                                   | Jeannie Williamson, Acting Manager,<br>EPA R4 APIB<br>Lorinda Shepherd, Acting Supervisor,<br>EPA R4 APIB Air Permits Section      |
| <b>11:30 am</b>                                                                                  | <b>Lunch (on your own)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                    |

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| Wednesday, October 28 (afternoon session)<br>(Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                         |
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| <b>1:00 pm<br/>(Central Time)</b>                                                    | NAAQS and Emissions Screening Tool (NEST) (30 min)<br><i>Demonstrate Tennessee DEC's new APC Shiny Apps Tool.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       | Larry Yocom, Tennessee DEC                                              |
| <b>1:30 pm</b>                                                                       | New Tools for Air Quality Management (45 min)<br><i>Highlight new and updated data visualization and analysis tools developed by Office of State Air Partnerships (OSAP)—HYSPLIT, EMBER, and Fire and Smoke Map.</i>                                                                                    | Loren Fox, EPA OSAP<br>Andrea Clements, EPA OSAP                        |
| <b>2:15 pm</b>                                                                       | <b>Break (15 min)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                         |
| <b>2:30 pm</b>                                                                       | Permitting Data Centers, Presentation and Q&A (90 min)<br><i>Simulcast session joining the WESTAR Fall 2026 meeting, live from Boise, Idaho.</i>                                                                                                                                                        | Gary McCutchen, RTP Environmental                                       |
| <b>4:00 pm</b>                                                                       | Impact of AI on Local and State Air Programs (60 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Public comments and permit processing in Georgia.</i></li> <li>• <i>Roundtable discussion—At your agency, do you have AI licenses? Policies for its use? Best practices? Prohibitions?</i></li> </ul> | Steve Allison, Georgia EPD<br>Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator |
| <b>5:00 pm</b>                                                                       | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                         |

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| <b>6:30 – 8:00 pm</b> | <b>Please join us for social time at Pins Mechanical. Duckpin bowling, pinball, ping pong, bocce, and more!</b><br><b><a href="https://www.pinsbar.com/locations/nashville">https://www.pinsbar.com/locations/nashville</a></b> |
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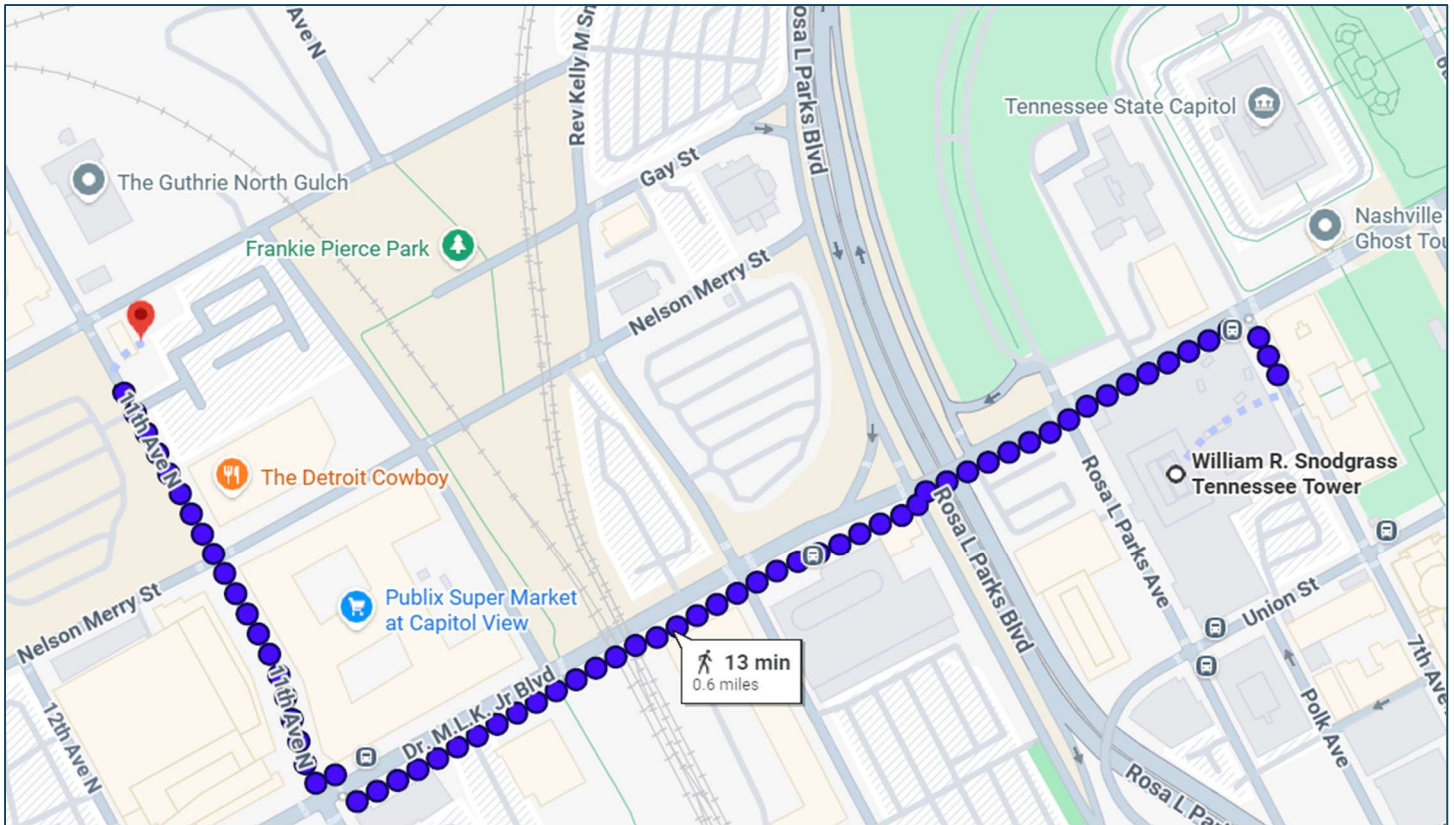
| Thursday, October 29<br>(Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff) |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                       |
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| <b>8:00 am<br/>(Central Time)</b>                               | Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECAD) Updates (30 min)<br><i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 ECAD.</i>                                            | Presenter TBD, EPA R4 ECAD                                                            |
| <b>8:30 am</b>                                                  | Grants Management Committee Charter (60 min)<br><i>Group exercise to scope out a joint Grants Management Committee—topics to address, logistics, and staffing.</i> | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator                                             |
| <b>9:30 am</b>                                                  | <b>Break (15 min)</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                       |
| <b>9:45 am</b>                                                  | Grants Management Committee Charter (15 min)<br><i>Continued discussion to confirm consensus for charter.</i>                                                      | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator                                             |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                                                 | Communicating Risk/Bias Introduced by Jargon (30 min)<br><i>Share tips and practices to enhance public communication.</i>                                          | Dr. Olivia Nadel, Florida Atlantic University, College of Business, Dept of Marketing |
| <b>10:30 am</b>                                                 | Office of State Air Partnerships (OSAP), Air Quality Assessment Division (AQAD) Updates (45 min)<br><i>Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.</i>    | Karen Wesson, Director, EPA OSAP AQAD                                                 |
| <b>11:15 am</b>                                                 | OSAP Air Quality Planning Division Updates (AQPD) (45 min)<br><i>Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.</i>                                          | Dylan Mataway-Novak, Deputy Director, EPA OSAP AQPD                                   |
| <b>12:00 pm</b>                                                 | Wrap Up, Meeting Review, and Next Steps (5 min)<br><i>Close out the meeting with identified action items.</i>                                                      | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator                                             |
|                                                                 | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                       |

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