



EPA Region 4 Grants and Planning Meeting
Metro 4/SESARM Air Directors' Meeting

FALL 2025

[SpringHill Suites Huntsville Downtown](#) (745 Constellation Place Dr SW, Huntsville, AL, 35801)

[Click here](#) to join the Microsoft Teams meeting (Meeting ID: **268 669 543 700** Passcode: **N7Vt2nt2**)

| Tuesday, October 28 (Metro 4 Staff Only) | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1:00 pm | Metro 4 Annual Business Meeting (105 min) <i>Elect officers and approve budget for FY 2026. Local program roundtable (~5 min per agency).</i> | Jason Howanitz, President, Metro 4 (Metro 4 staff only) |
| 2:45 pm | Break (15 min) | |
| (Metro 4 and SESARM Staff) | | |
| 3:00 pm | Joint Metro 4/SESARM Business Items Discussion (30 min) <i>Grant closeout, new grant detailed accounting proposal.</i> | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM (Metro 4 and SESARM staff) |
| (SESARM Staff Only) | | |
| 3:30 pm | SESARM Annual Business Meeting (90 min) <i>Elect officers and approve budget for FY 2026. State agency roundtable (~5 min per agency).</i> | Michael Abraczinskas, Chair, SESARM (SESARM staff only) |
| 5:00 pm | Adjourn | |

| Wednesday, October 29 (Open to all) | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 am | Welcome and Introductory Remarks (15 min) <i>Review Region 4 ARD success and priorities, identify key Region 4 staff roles and organizational changes.</i> | Darlene Elliott, Natural Resources Director, Huntsville NREM Air Quality Denisse Diaz, Director, EPA R4 ARD |
| 8:15 am | Grants Management and Strategic Planning Office (45 min) <i>Share status of Region 4 grants focusing on core 103 and 105 grants, discuss other grant programs.</i> | Anthony Toney, Deputy Director, EPA R4 ARD Donnette Sturdivant, Manager, EPA R4 AASB |
| 9:00 am | Air Planning and Implementation Branch (45 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.</i> | Lynorae Benjamin, Senior Policy Advisor Brad Akers, Acting Manager, EPA R4 APIB EPA R4 ARD |
| 9:45 am | Break (15 min) | |
| 10:00 am | Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (30 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.</i> | Keriema Newman, Director Todd Russo, Chief, Air Enforcement Branch EPA R4 ECAD |
| 10:30 am | Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division (30 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.</i> | Keith Harris, Manager, QA Section, EPA R4 LSASD |
| 11:00 pm | Training Update (60 min) <i>Recent and upcoming courses, CAMx training, New Solutions scheduling and administration, course requests.</i> | Scott Hodges, Metro 4/SESARM |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch (on your own) | |

All times are Central Time. If you have any difficulties accessing the Microsoft Teams meeting, please contact
Scott Hodges shodges@metro4-sesarm.org or Stephanie Hammonds shammonds@metro4-sesarm.org.



EPA Region 4 Grants and Planning Meeting
Metro 4/SESARM Air Directors' Meeting

FALL 2025

| Wednesday, October 29 – Continued (Open to all) | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1:15 pm | Air Analysis and Support Branch Updates (60 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.</i> | Donnette Sturdivant, Manager, EPA R4 AASB |
| 2:15 pm | Exceptional Events Processing, PM _{2.5} Designations (30 min) <i>Status of EPA review and approval of demonstrations.</i> | Rick Gillam, EPA R4 ARD |
| 2:45 pm | Break (15 min) | |
| 3:00 pm | EPA OAQPS Air Quality Assessment Division (60 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.</i> | Karen Wesson, Director, EPA OAQPS AQAD |
| 4:00 pm | EPA OAQPS Air Quality Assessment Division (60 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.</i> | Scott Mathias, Director, EPA OAQPS AQPD |
| 5:00 pm | Adjourn | |

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Please Join us for social time! (TBD) Location TBD |
|-----------------------|--|

| Thursday, October 30 (Open to all) | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 8:00 am | Data Centers and Related Air Quality Issues (120 min) 1. <i>Experiences with permitting data centers</i> 2. <i>Preparing for public meetings</i> 3. <i>Impacts on power plants and EGU projections</i> 4. <i>Industry insights from MARAMA and Region 3</i> | Local and state speakers TBD Tom Updyke, CSG South Senior Policy Analyst Marc Cone, MARAMA Executive Director |
| 10:00 am | Break (15 mins) | |
| 10:15 am | Status of Satellite Missions and Data Products (60 min) <i>Future of planned launches. Plans for data repositories and products. Coordination with local and state agencies implementing satellite based data into their work.</i> | Aaron Naeger, NASA |
| 11:15 am | Implementing Regulations with Announced Rollbacks (15 min) <i>Share experiences and plans.</i> | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM (facilitated roundtable discussion) |
| 11:30 am | Asbestos Project Guidance (15 min) <i>Applicability determinations for projects (specific recent examples include trailer parks and storm debris).</i> | Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM (facilitated roundtable discussion) |
| 11:45 am | Closing Remarks, Meeting Feedback, and Wrap-up (15 min) | Denisse Diaz, Director, EPA R4 ARD Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM |
| 12:00 pm | Adjourn | |

All times are Central Time. If you have any difficulties accessing the Microsoft Teams meeting, please contact Scott Hodges shodges@metro4-sesarm.org or Stephanie Hammonds shammonds@metro4-sesarm.org.