

2025 ESI Conference Agenda

Connecting through Environmental Stewardship

McKimmon Center
1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC
October 9-10, 2025



DAY ONE: Thursday, October 9, 2025

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Morning Reception

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| 9:00 - 9:15 | Welcome | Jamie Ragan, Director of Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service |
| 9:15 - 9:30 | From the Office of the Secretary | Andy Miller, Deputy Secretary of Infrastructure and Environmental Assistance |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | Engagement Matters | Connor Jarvis, Pfizer |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Implementing Environmental Projects | Stephen Kelly, Hyster-Yale Materials Handling Inc. |

10:30 - 10:45 Break, Exhibits and Networking

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| 10:45 - 11:30 | Energy Balance | Malvika Ogale, Novo Nordisk |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Achieving Environmental Stewardship | Amber Grzymiski, Darren Steinhilber
Mecklenburg County Solid Waste |

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

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| 1:00 - 1:30 | The Circular Economy of Wood Waste | Patrick Phillips, Lazaro Rivera
Egger Wood Products, LLC |
| 1:30 - 2:30 | Navigating Recycling Markets | Matt James, DEACS |

2:30 - 2:45 Break, Exhibits and Networking

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| 2:45 - 4:15 | Waste Diversion Discussion | DEACS Recycling and Materials Management Section |
| 4:15 - 4:30 | Closing | Jamie Ragan, Director DEACS |
| 5:00 - 7:00 | After Hours Networking | The Raleigh Beer Garden |

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DAY TWO: Friday, October 10, 2025

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9:00 - 9:05 Welcome Back

Jamie Ragan, Director DEACS

9:05 - 10:30 DEQ Regulatory Program Panel

Sushma Masemore, Deputy Secretary for Environment
Michael Abraczinskas, Director Division of Air Quality
Shadi Eskaf, Director Division of Water Infrastructure
Richard Rogers, Director Division of Water Resources
Michael Scott, Director Division of Waste Management
Toby Vinson, Director Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources

10:30 - 11:00 Break, Exhibits and Networking

11:00 - 11:45 Pollution Prevention Projects

ESI Members

11:45 - 12:00 Networking & Outreach Efforts

Kate MacLeod, ESI Outreach Coordinator

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Member Recognition and Awards

D. Reid Wilson, NCDEQ Secretary

2:00 - 2:15 Wrap Up & Door Prizes

Jamie Ragan, Director DEACS



The Environmental Stewardship Initiative's annual conference is hosted by NCDEQ's
Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS).