

NAHMMA ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 2022

THE POLICE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
2105 DECATUR ST. DENVER, CO 80211

- 7:30 - 8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:15 **Welcome**
- 8:15-9:15 **EPR Programs in Vermont**
KAREN KNAEBEL & MIA ROETHLEIN, VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
VIRTUAL
- 9:20-10:00 **State of Colorado Recycling Grants and Support**
SONYA HANSEN, CDPHE
IN-PERSON
- 10:00-10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:20-11:20 **The Evolution of Battery Sustainability**
SEAN FINNEY, CALL2RECYCLE, INC.
VIRTUAL
- 11:30-12:30 **LUNCH**
SPONSOR'S SPOTLIGHT
- 12:45-1:10 **The Colorado Green Business Network**
DEREK BOER, CDPHE
IN-PERSON
- 1:15 - 2:15 **Clearing the Air! Panel Discussion on
current issues in hazardous waste**
CARMEN ZUNIGA, ACTENVIRO; BRIAN KINDSVATTER,
CLEAN HARBORS; JOSE FRANCO, VEOLIA; MODERATED
BY KEVIN LYNCH, PAINTCARE
IN-PERSON
- 2:20-2:30 **Adjourn**
- 2:30-3:00 **Networking**

SWANA CEUs will be available for this event



ABSTRACTS AND SPEAKER BIOS

EPR Programs in Vermont

KAREN KNAEBEL & MIA ROETHLEIN, *VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION*

What is EPR? How does it provide convenient and safe collection opportunities for hard to manage materials? Who are the various players in creating a successful EPR system? This presentation will provide an overview of the five Extended Producer Responsibility programs in Vermont. Karen and Mia will share successes and lessons learned.



Karen Knaebel has worked for the State of Vermont for over 20 years with the Mercury Education and Reduction Campaign for mercury product and EPR laws as well as oversight of the Electronics (E-Cycles) EPR program that has been operational in the state for over 10 years.



Mia Roethlein has worked in the world of materials management and waste reduction for almost 20 years and is especially interested in household hazardous waste and product stewardship. Mia's favorite place to be is anywhere outside in nature and is very grateful to live in VT.

CDPHE Recycling Grant Programs

SONYA HANSEN, *CDPHE*

The State of Colorado offers funding opportunities statewide and targeted within the Front Range through its Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity (RREO) and Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD) programs. Grant funds support projects that reduce waste and champion recycling in Colorado through a cadence of recurring Requests for Applications (RFAs). This presentation will provide a high-level overview into the two programs and will highlight upcoming funding opportunities as well as example projects funded by the programs.



Sonya Hansen serves the State of Colorado as a recycling grants specialist for the Recycling Grants Team at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Her work includes contract monitoring active recycling grant projects and serving as project manager for the statewide recycling and waste reduction campaign Erase the Waste (www.EraseTheWasteCO.org). Sonya holds a BA in English, Spanish, and graphic design from the University of Denver and an MPA in public administration from the University of Colorado Denver; she recently completed her certification as a project management professional.

The Evolution of Battery Sustainability

SEAN FINNEY, *CALL2RECYCLE, INC.*

The world is moving aggressively towards zero carbon solutions, and batteries are at the center of all of it. Batteries are a powerful solution in our daily lives – from consumer electronics to outdoor equipment and power tools, to e-bikes, EVs, and energy storage systems. Yet for the people and organizations who manage them at end-of-life, the increasing power and size of batteries magnifies the already existing challenges of handling and transporting them safely. This presentation will cover key considerations and innovative solutions for building a robust and safe battery recycling program while navigating logistical and regulatory complexities.



Sean Finney is a US Regional Program Manager for Call2Recycle, Inc., a not-for-profit organization operating the country's premier battery collection, logistics and recycling program. Prior to Call2Recycle, Sean held various roles within the waste hauling and environmental services segments.

He is a native of California where he lives just outside of Sacramento. He is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara, Economics, and an avid lacrosse fan.



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The Colorado Green Business Network

DEREK BOER, *CDPHE*

Colorado businesses increasingly want to green their operations. Where do businesses start and what support is available? The Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN) is a voluntary program that encourages, supports, and rewards superior environmental performers that go beyond the requirements of environmental regulations and move toward the goal of true, operational sustainability. Our goal is to support organizations throughout the state at any level of implementation in increasing the efficiency and sustainability of their operation through assessing opportunities for growth, recognizing success, and providing connections to like-minded businesses throughout the state.



Derek Boer is a Pollution Prevention (P2) Specialist in the Colorado Green Business Network, at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Derek provides P2 technical assistance to businesses, outreach and training to industry, and promotes P2 and sustainability through regional and statewide networks. Derek has a B.A. from the University of Colorado and a Master's degree in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver.

Clearing the Air! Panel Discussion

JOSE FRANCO, *VEOLIA NORTH AMERICA*; BRIAN KINDSVATTER, *CLEAN HARBORS*; DIANE WHITE, *ACTENVIRO*
MODERATED BY KEVIN LYNCH, *PAINTCARE*

HHW vendor representatives will lead a panel discussion to answer your questions and help clear the air. What does the future hold for hazardous materials recycling and disposal? Do you have new waste streams that you don't know how to manage? This is your chance to ask questions regarding disposal and shipping and whatever else may be on your mind.



Brian Kindsvatter has worked in the environmental business for more than 35 years. He has served at Maxxim Environmental, Industrial Compliance and Clean Harbors in field operations, health and safety, direct sales, mid and senior-level management and ownership roles. As a multi-discipline manager, he developed and implemented sales management plans, performance criteria, health and safety programs and employee development programs. As an owner, he helped establish and grow two environmental organizations and was instrumental in taking them to market for acquisition. He is currently a District Sales Manager with Clean Harbors covering six states and has exceeded annual revenue budgets from 2017 through 2021.



Carmen Zuniga has over 17 years of experience in the hazardous waste industry. Carmen started in the HHW field as a customer service supervisor with PSC Environmental. She has had many responsibilities, including prospecting new customers, building strong relationships with existing clients, and working with regulatory requirements and procedures. Carmen currently manages all things PaintCare for ACT enviro in California, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington as the PaintCare Program Director. In this role, she oversees contract execution, customer service, data tracking, billing, and reporting, and works closely with PaintCare Coordinators. She manages retail paint pickups, HHW PaintCare collections, coordinates logistics for Large Volume Paint Pickups and One Day Paint Collection Events, oversees the ACT 866 -hotline requesting PaintCare services. She is excited to represent ACT on this panel.



Jose Franco has over 10 years of experience in the hazardous waste industry working in various roles including a chemist, environmental specialist, project manager, and operations manager. He currently works as an account manager for Veolia for the Northern Colorado and Wyoming region. He has a deep commitment to this field and always happy to assist in any way possible.



Kevin Lynch is the Colorado Program Manager for PaintCare where he has worked on implementing the paint stewardship program for over seven years. He enjoys the outdoors, fishing and camping.

